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KING GEORGE RETURNS TO LONDON FOR AUDIENCE WITH CHAMBERLAIN: VITAL STATEMENT TO-NIGHT

BRITISH WARSHIPS MASS NEAR GREECE AS PARLT. MEETS

LONDON, APR. 11.
UNDER STRICT ORDERS TO DOMINATE STRATEGIC POINTS, THE BRITISH AND FRENCH FLEETS ARE REPORTED TO BE MASSING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

His Majesty the King has returned to London from Windsor Castle, and the Prime Minister has given His Majesty a full report on international developments and Britain's defence preparations.

It will be recalled that in September last year, the King returned to London specially to sign the fleet mobilisation orders.



QUEEN GERALDINE
Albanian Queen Stricken
Fears For Life Of Zog's Wife

ATHENS, Apr. 12.
QUEEN GERALDINE of Albania, who was forced to flee from Tirana three days after giving birth to King Zog's heir, is reported to be in a serious condition.

She is suffering from puerperal fever.

When the Italians suddenly invaded Albania, the beautiful Queen whose photograph is reproduced above was forced to flee over tortuous mountain paths.

She was so weak when she crossed the frontier that she had to be carried to her hotel on a stretcher.

A leading gynecologist was rushed to her bedside this morning.

Later she became worse and has been removed to hospital at Larissa.

Queen Geraldine was married to King Zog a little over a year ago. She was the Countess Geraldine Apponyi and is of American descent. She is the daughter of Gladys Stewart, once of New York, and a Hungarian count.—United Press.

To Settle In Turkey
Istanbul, Apr. 11.
King Zog of Albania intends to settle in Turkey, according to press reports.

In this connection it is recalled that King Zog received his school education and part of his military training in Turkey.—Trans-Ocean.

STATEMENT TO-NIGHT
British and French warships are reported to be massing off the entrance to the Adriatic Sea while Mr. Chamberlain is seeking a last minute deal with Mussolini.

Mr. Chamberlain is reported to be seeking an arrangement whereby Italy's occupation of Albania would be accepted if Italy firstly, gives firm assurances against an attack on Greece and, secondly, promises to immediately begin withdrawing Italian troops from Spain.

It is believed that if an agreement with Mussolini proves impossible, Mr. Chamberlain will announce in the House of Commons at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday (10.45 p.m. H.K.T.) that the British Government is prepared to enter into full defensive alliances with Greece and Turkey.

It is also forecast that the Government will denounce the British-Italian friendship pact, which provides for the maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.

The Admiralty has refused to divulge any information regarding fleet movements.—United Press.

Warships Off Greece
SKOLPJE, Apr. 11.—Reliable reports from Greece say that several British warships are lying in the harbour at Argostoli and at Asakos.—United Press.

Audience With King
London, Apr. 11.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain had an audience with the King at Buckingham Palace to-day. It lasted 30 minutes.

The Prime Minister returned to Downing Street about 6.20 p.m. and was cheered by big crowds.

The King returned immediately to Windsor.

It is understood that the sole reason of the King's visit to London was to learn first-hand of the international development, and at the same time to save the Premier travelling to Windsor.

It is stated that the House of Lords will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday, when Viscount Halifax will make a statement in reply to a question by Lord Snell, inviting a statement on the international situation, with particular reference to the Mediterranean area.

The House of Commons will meet at 2.45 p.m. (10.45 p.m. H.K.T.).—Reuter.

French Preparations
PARIS, Apr. 11.
The French Government has called in naval specialists and cancelled all leave.

The main French Mediterranean Fleet at Toulon is prepared to sail for North Africa and eastern Mediterranean coasts.

All Easter leave for the Army has been cancelled.

Reliable reports say that 400,000 reservists have been called since dictatorial powers were granted to the Prime Minister.

The French Cabinet has met to consider the international developments.

Marshal Petain, French Ambassador to Spain, unexpectedly arrived in Turkey.—(Continued on Page 4.)

KING AND QUEEN MAY GO TO CANADA, AMERICA IN EMPRESS LINER

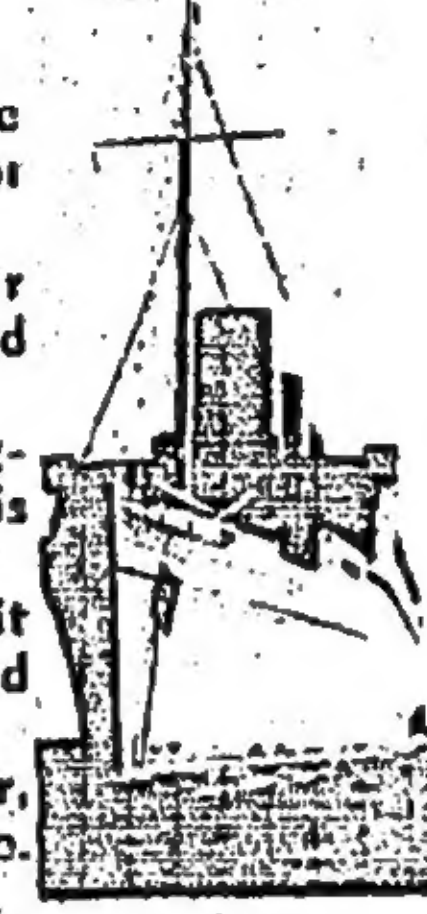
LONDON, Apr. 11.
The British Government is reported to be considering a change in the travelling plans for the King and Queen.

They will probably cross the Atlantic on their Canadian tour in the Empress of Britain instead of H.M.S. Repulse.

The Empress of Britain, which was in Hongkong last month on a round-the-world cruise, is due in New York next month.

The tension in the Mediterranean makes it appear possible that the Repulse will be required on the spot, despite her age of 23 years.

H.M.S. Repulse is at present at Gibraltar, "shaking down" preparatory to the Royal voyage.—United Press.



BRITISH CASH FOR BURMA LINE 40-Year-Old Railway Dream Coming True

LONDON, Apr. 11.
THE CHINESE Government's Purchasing Commission recently placed orders with British firms for £180,000 worth of all sorts of construction material for the Yunnan-Burma railway, which is actively being pressed on towards completion.

Further orders are now being negotiated.

CIVILIAN EXPELS JAPANESE Bitter Fighting As Namtau Burned

CHINESE SOURCES this morning claimed that the Japanese landing near Namtau became a rout with the sudden appearance of the Chinese Fourth Guerrilla Corps.

The Japanese forces, which landed on mechanised units and were not assisted by planes, were completely overwhelmed.

After four hours fighting they were forced to retire to their boats, leaving one officer and ten men dead and 24 wounded. The latter were captured by the Chinese and are now imprisoned in Namtau.

In addition, the sudden appearance of the large Chinese force completely cut off a garrison of fifty Japanese who were left in Chewan while the main body attempted to push on towards the railway.

These Japanese are now completely isolated.

New Landing?
Chinese believe that the Japanese who retired to their ships yesterday will attempt to land again to-day in order to rescue the men marooned in Chewan.

Namtau has been re-possessed by the Chinese.

The city, however, is a sorry sight. Its main street has been burnt out, and fires are still smouldering. Among the buildings destroyed by the Japanese was the Namtau Middle School, the only building of its kind in the coastal town.

The Chinese resistance was led.—(Continued on Page 4.)

Hungarians Quit League

BUDEPEST, Apr. 11.
HUNGARY HAS withdrawn from the League of Nations.

Count Csaky informed the Secretary-General, M. Avenol of this decision in the following telegram:

"I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of the Hungarian Government, that, conformably with Article 1, Para. 3 of the League Covenant, Hungary herewith announces her resignation from the League.

"I should also like to state on this occasion that the Hungarian Government intends to continue its co-operation with the League in technical fields, and to participate further in the work of the Permanent International Tribunal, as well as the International Labour Office."—Trans-Ocean.

Kaifeng Puppet Massacre Assassins Kill Six Leaders

PEIPING, Apr. 11.
SIX POLITICAL leaders of the new Provisional Government and members of the Peiping Committee of Pacification, were killed in Kaifeng, capital of the province of Honan on Easter Sunday, when unknown assassins invaded a meeting of the committee and shot all six members.

The seventh member escaped death owing to his absence from the meeting.

Japanese claim that the assassins were Chinese, who had managed to slip into the ranks of the Japanese troops in Kaifeng.

None of them had been apprehended by this evening.

Those murdered included the chairman of the committee, General Hu Yun-kun, and a former high officer in the Manchurian army, General Fu Chuang-ying.

The Committee of Pacification was formed at the beginning of this year for the purpose of looking after Chinese soldiers who had decided to join the ranks of the new North-China Government.—Trans-Ocean.

Charity Ball For Relief

A Fancy Dress Charity Ball will be held at the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel on April 21, under the auspices of the Hongkong Branch of the National Women's Relief Association.

Prizes will be awarded for the best and most original costumes.

Among the many artists who will take part in the cabaret items will be Mr. Hugh Chen, popular tap-dancer, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Li who will give a demonstration of the Spanish Tango and Viennese Waltz and a chorus of Hongkong Chinese society ladies.

All proceeds from the Ball will be devoted to relief work.

Big U.S. Barter Scheme

New York, Apr. 11.
Commodity circles are awaiting with great interest details of the commodity barter plan proposed by Senator Byrnes, though at present little comment is to be heard regarding it.

The plan seems to be generally approved by members of Congress, with the cotton Senators strongly favouring it as long as cotton is bartered at the current market price.

According to Dow-Jones, consummation of the plan is expected by informed officials to result in the export of about 5,000,000 bales of cotton, against which, up to 600,000 long tons rubber might be acquired.—Reuter.

FEVERISH BALKAN ACTIVITY IL DUCE CALLS MORE RESERVES TO THE COLOURS

ROME, Apr. 11.
AN OFFICIAL communique states that the full classes of 1901 and 1912 have been called to the colours.

The full classes of the 1917 and part of 1918 and 1919 are also under the colours.

"ANGRIFF" ANGER German Press In Full Cry

BERLIN, Apr. 11.
ALTHOUGH THE German press is in full cry against Britain, political activity was paralysed by the Easter holidays, and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop is the only leading Minister at present in Berlin.

The talk of troop movements towards the Polish frontier is categorically denied officially, and is not confirmed by reliable unofficial reports.

It is thought that the return of German troops from Bohemia and Moravia may have been misinterpreted as unusual troop movements.

Britain Accused

Britain is accused of wantonly disturbing the Easter peace, and the calling up of the Dutch frontier battalions is described as a consequence of the artificial hysteria in Britain.

The "Zweifelsblatt" declares: "The peak of Democratic effrontery has been reached" with the alleged concentration of British warships.

The "Angrieff" ridicules the Mediterranean fleet movements, and says that it must not be thought that the Axis Powers will calmly countenance any territorial experiment by Britain.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" warns the democracies against intervening in places like the Balkans where they have no interests to protect. The paper says that the same risks arise there as in Central Europe.—Reuter Special.

Dutch Precautions

The Hague, Apr. 11.
The Prime Minister of the Netherlands in a radio broadcast to the nation and Dutch colonies to-day briefly explained why the Government must last night called up further battalions for frontier defence.

"Nobody must see in this measure an indication that the Government fears a direct attack on Holland," he said.

Big Robberies Reported

Loot valued at \$1,350 was the proceeds of two daring burglaries in Hongkong yesterday.

A widow living in a flat at Taihang Causeway Bay, lost her entire fortune when thieves entered the flat between 8 a.m. and noon and stole bank-notes and small coins to the total value of \$1,050.

Three hundred dollars was stolen in another robbery in the servants' quarters at the Hongkong Jockey Club in Happy Valley.

German Warning

Berlin, Apr. 11.
Sources close to the German Foreign Office state that both Germany and Italy will refuse to tolerate British and French interference in the Balkans.

To-day's Press sharply criticised the democracies, and anger is rising, particularly against Britain, due to reports of British plans to guarantee (Continued on Page 4.)

AVALANCHE HORROR: 22 CHILDREN BURIED

BERNE, Apr. 11.—Children in a boarding school were overwhelmed by an avalanche near here to-day.

Five bodies have been recovered, and 17 are understood to be entombed.

Rescue parties worked ceaselessly, but there is no hope of bringing out alive those who are buried.—Reuter.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

EMPIRE NEWS

CANADA'S ROLE IN A BRITISH WAR

Ottawa.
The "Ottawa Journal" comments as follows on the bill debated in Parliament recently giving Canada the right to neutrality in a war in which Britain is engaged.

"We doubt whether people who believe in such a measure realize what it would mean. If they did they would understand the absurdity and madness of such a proposition. Actually neutrality would involve and must involve Canada's absolute separation from the British Empire. There could be no other neutrality—none other than any combatant against Britain would recognise.

"But let there be no mistake about this. No British war is going to find this country neutral. The contrary is written in the hearts of the overwhelming majority of our people, and no bill introduced in Parliament, and no decision taken by any Government in this country can alter or affect that reality."

NEW ZEALAND

ASSURANCE TO MANUFACTURERS

Auckland.
Mr. Sullivan, the Minister for Commerce, in a statement on import control, implies that restriction of imports will be permanent in the case of goods competing with New Zealand industries.

Manufacturers are promised continued safeguards, justifying large industrial expansion.

AUSTRALIA

OVERLAPPING OF AIR ROUTES

Sydney.
An inter-departmental Federal committee is considering the complete reorganisation of the secondary commercial air routes in Australia to eliminate overlapping and to stabilise air transport.

Surprise has been expressed at the proposal to consider new contracts for the distribution internally of overseas air mail before a definite announcement has been made about the control of civil aviation as a whole.

SOUTH AFRICA

ILLEGAL RADIO IN S.W. AFRICA

Cape Town.
In the Assembly recently, Mr. Pirow, Minister of Defence, said that a newspaper report of a secret German radio station operating in South-West Africa had not been brought to his notice.

It is understood, however, that at least one illegal radio station in South-West Africa has been sending messages to German and Italian ships. This station has not yet been located.

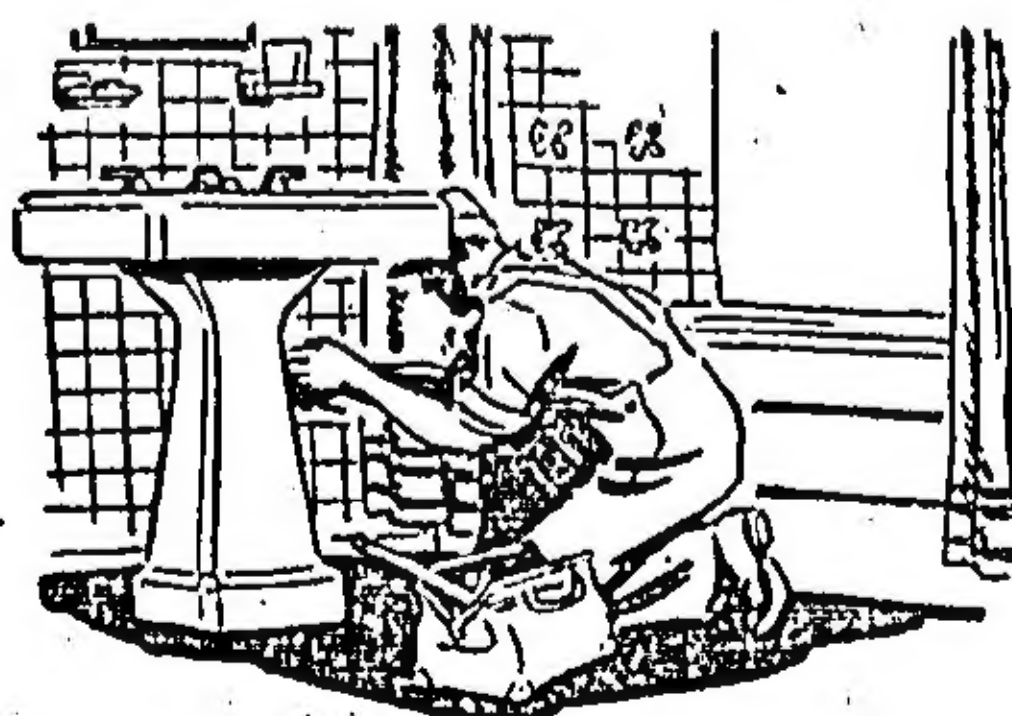
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- R 2039. Grub. Music.
- R 2239. Faust De-Bunked. Don't Tell My Mother.
- R 2109. It's Getting Harder To Discover. And So To Bed.
- R 2158. You Make My Wheels Go Round. I Hate Vice.
- R 2138. I'd Rather Be A Savage. I Couldn't Make To The Girl of To-day.
- R 2106. Navy and The Army & The P'lice. Have A Little Pity On Her.
- R 2003. I'm Terribly Terribly British. Chinese Nights.

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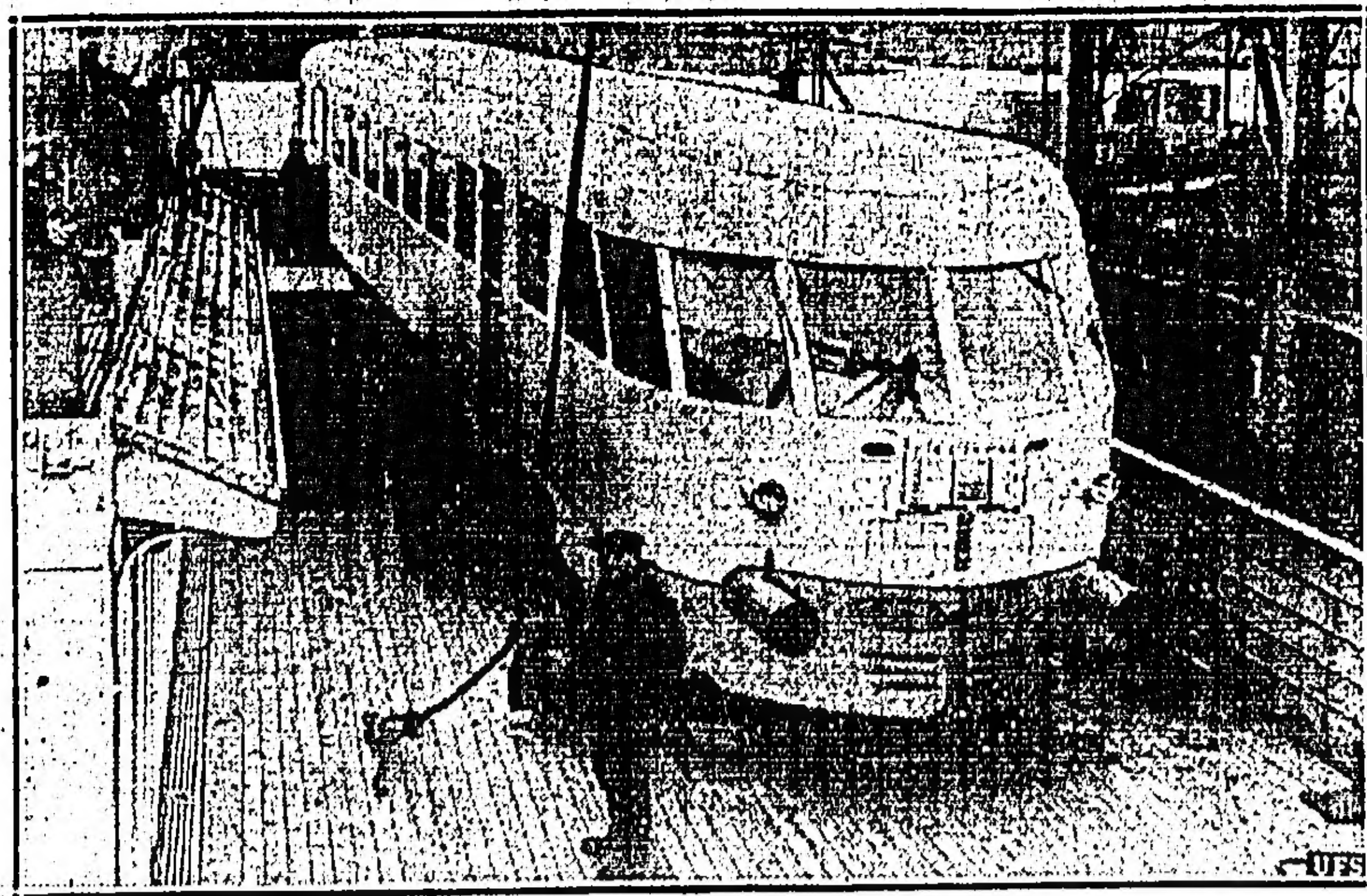
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American commuters who attend the New York World's Fair will see how commuters in the ancient city of Rome ride. This is the streamlined "Littorina", a powered car used in commuter service in Italy, being unloaded in New York from the Italian liner Rex. The car is said to attain a speed of 85 miles an hour.

Mercy For Chemist Struck Off The Roll Colleagues Save His Career

MERCY from his professional colleagues was promised recently to a prisoner from Wakefield Jail who appeared, under escort, before the statutory committee of the Pharmaceutical Society.

He was told that though the registrar of the society would be directed to remove his name—Gilbert Harry Goodwin—from the register, he could hope for reinstatement when he was released from jail.

Goodwin, who is 49, had a sub-post office in his chemist's shop at Spordon, near Derby.

He appeared before the society's committee in London recently to answer a charge that he was convicted of such criminal offences as might render him unfit to be on the register.

FALSE ENTRIES

It was stated that he pleaded guilty last November to fraudulently converting £1,041 received by him on behalf of the Postmaster-General, and to making false entries in the accounts.

He was sentenced to nine months' jail.

In a letter to the society, Goodwin mentioned four facts which, he said, had led him to commit the offence.

In 1931 his seven-year-old son was killed in dreadful circumstances, and his wife became ill in consequence. Then in 1936 his premises were destroyed by fire and he lost everything. Shortly before Christmas, 1936, his mother died, and two weeks later his father died.

YEARS OF TOIL

Goodwin denied in evidence that he had lived extravagantly. In 17 years he had never had a week's holiday, and in five years he went away for two periods of four days. He submitted that if he were struck off the register he would not be able to get a living after his release.

Sir Emly Blackwell, chairman of the committee, said that the decision to remove Goodwin's name from the register should not be taken as a further punishment for offence.

The committee, he added, had gone fully into the circumstances and would be prepared to consider an application from him for reinstatement in July, after he had come out of prison.

Goodwin: May I hope that I shall meet with success?

Sir Emly Blackwell: Yes.

Tibet Trip Aim Of Panda Finder

Mrs. Ruth Harkness, first person to catch a panda alive, wants to visit Lhasa, the "forbidden" holy city of Tibet.

"Why do I want to go there," she said. "Well, I think Tibet is probably the most fascinating country left in the world and I am very fond of the Mongol and Chinese people."

Mrs. Harkness sailed for New York recently to meet a woman friend. "I shall be able to start the journey before next year," Mrs. Harkness said.

"There is a great deal of preparation to do for such a journey. The woman with whom I would make the journey has friends with whose help she hopes to get permission for us and until that permission is obtained it is all in the air."

DON'T WANT FOREIGNERS
"It is a very serious matter, this getting permission. They have never been keen on admitting foreigners."

"So far as I know only two white women have ever visited Lhasa and one of them was disguised as a Tibetan woman."

Mrs. Harkness found her panda in a part of the country on the China-Tibet border.

"Tibet are only to be found in this particular part," she said.

Yorkshire Girls' Search For Glamour Failed

TWO 15-year-old girls who ran away from their homes in Hull to find Glamour in London, and could not even find Yorkshire Pudding, returned recently disillusioned.

Fed up with steam and other people's dirty linen in the local laundry where they worked, Phyllis Jagger, of Norton-grove, and Elizabeth Priestley, of Seaton-grove, went to the cinema.

There they saw "Goldwyn Follies," and the Glamour of the Big City.

Next day they ran away to London—with £20 between them.

And, as £20 is not enough to launch two potential film stars, Elizabeth's parents, after three weeks of anxiety received a letter from a baroness who wanted testimonials before employing the two girls as servants.

DULL LONDON

Mr. and Mrs. Priestley caught the next train to London, brought Elizabeth and Phyllis back with them.

"London is not what I thought it was," Phyllis said. "All the glamour you see on the films is nothing when you get to London and try to find it."

"After you have seen the sights London is dull. There is nothing to do in the evenings, and nowhere to go—except to the pictures, and you can do that in your own town."

"We found digs in the Charing Cross district for two guineas a week for the two of us. We spent the first week night-sewing and wore out our shoes walking round the streets. One day we got lost on the Underground for six hours."

"We tried to get into the hospitals as nurses, but we were too young."

HOUSEMAID JOB

"I had offers of three jobs, but I favoured a job with the baroness at Virginia Water. I was to be housemaid, Betty was to be a kitchen-maid, but the baroness wrote for a reference and, of course, that meant we were found."

"We were not sorry, for London is not a nice place if you are alone and haven't much money."

"The hardest thing for us to find was Yorkshire pudding. We asked for it in all sorts of cafes, but they couldn't give it to us like mother makes it."

"I shall never run away again. It has been a wonderful experience, but Betty thinks the same as I do—never again."

FAKE REMBRANDT

LONDON.
"Angel Appearing to Gideon," a Rembrandt fake, which was sold into three great collections, is being exhibited in London. Although it is a fake, the picture is still worth more than £2,000.

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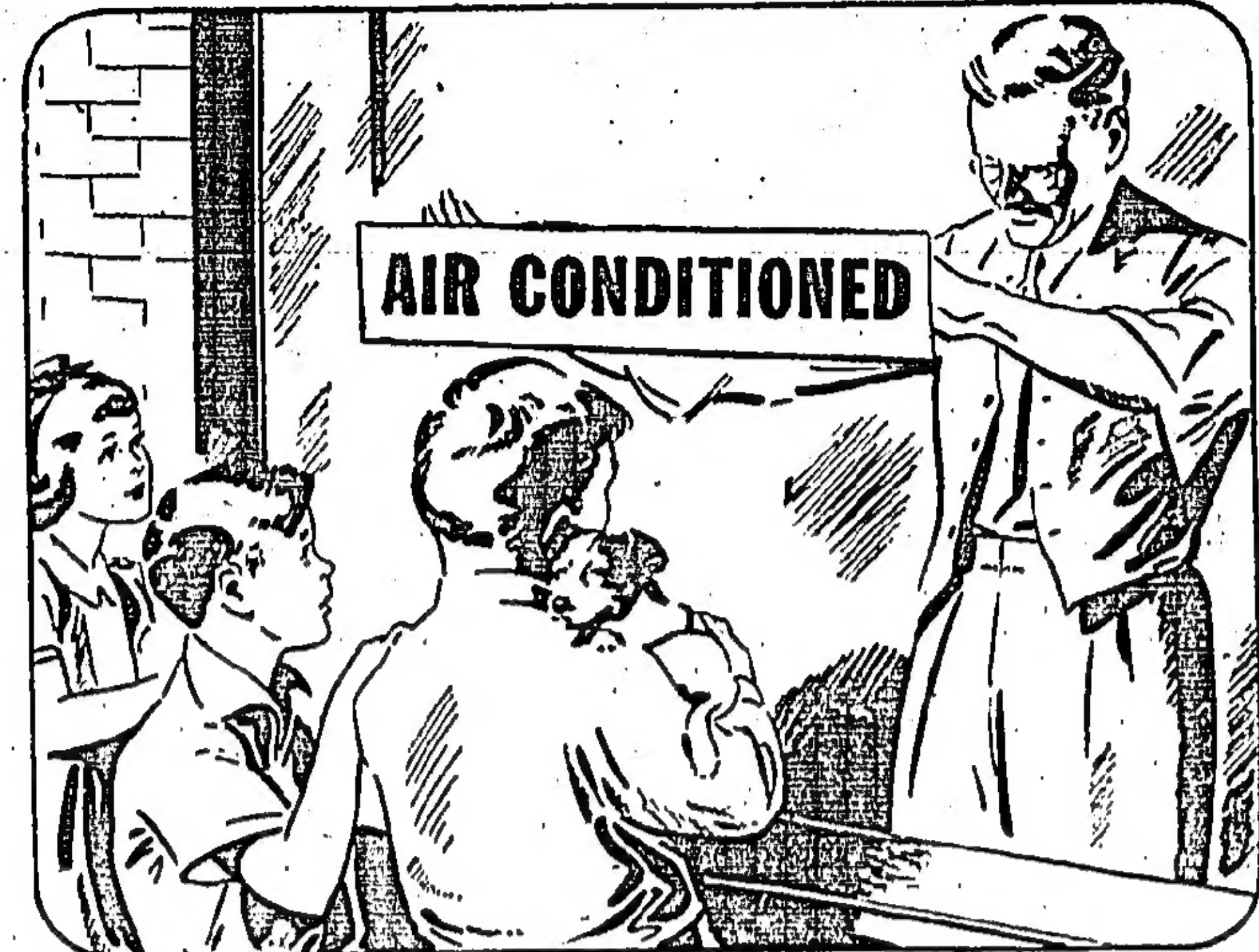
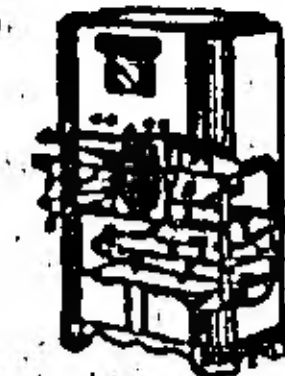
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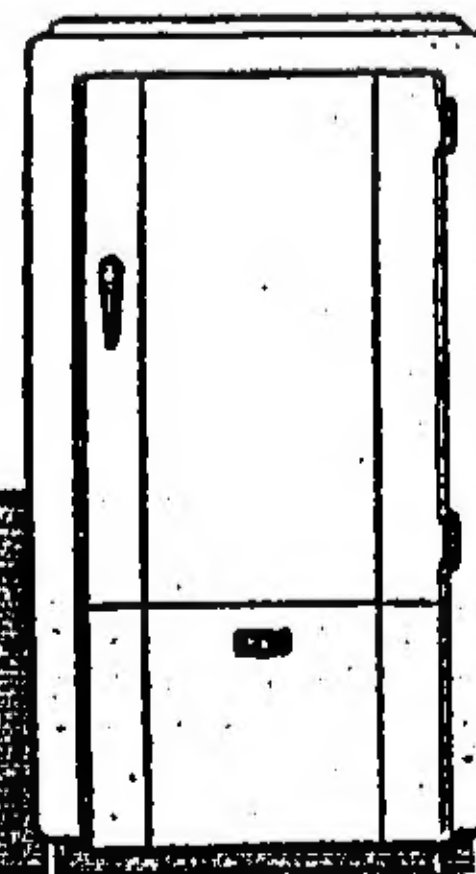
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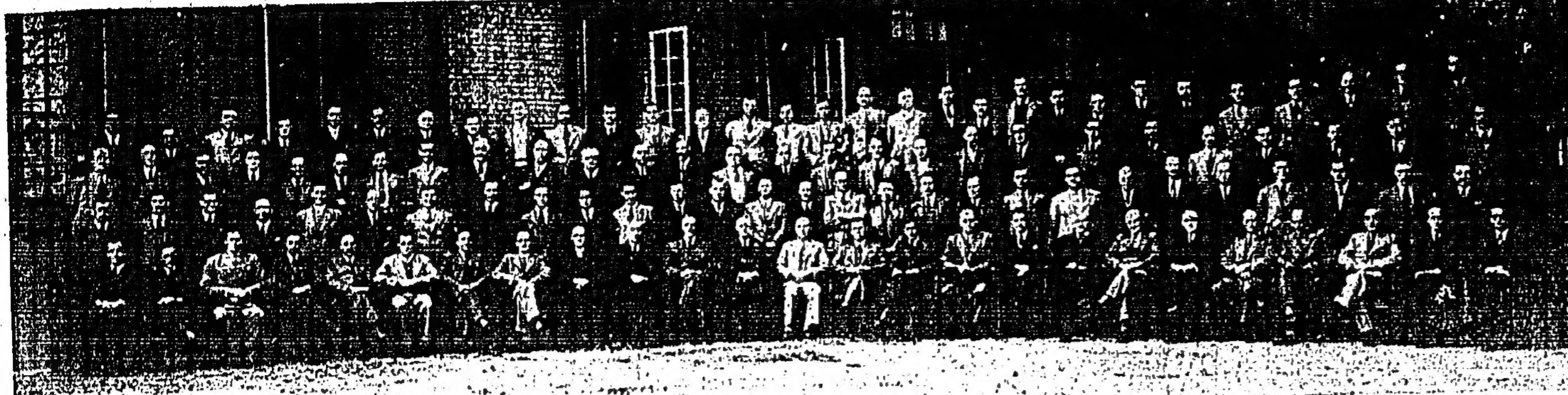
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This photo was taken prior to the recent departure on retirement, of Hon. Mr. E. M. Henderson, C.B.E., M. Inst. C.E., Director of Public Works (seated in centre). Hon. Mr. A. G. W. Tickle, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., (on Mr. Henderson's right), is now acting as D.P.W. On Mr. Tickle's retirement in July this year, Mr. A. B. Purves, M. Inst. C.E., Water Works Engineer (second on Mr. Henderson's left), who is now acting as Asst. D.P.W., Hongkong, will act as D.P.W., and will take up his permanent appointment as D.P.W. in September on the expiration of Mr. Henderson's leave.
Front row: Administrative and Executive Officers. Second row: Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors. Third and fourth rows: Inspectors of Works, Overseers, Draughtsmen, Land Bailiffs, etc.—Miss Yuen.

MYSTERY GIRL MAKES QUEEN'S NEW TURBAN HAT

Radioed To U.S., Copied All Over The World

A WOMAN whose identity is kept a closely-guarded secret designed the most-talked-about hat for years—the famous turban hat worn by the Queen when she visited the British Industries Fair.

The turban hat—revival of a fashion of ten years ago—became front-page news the day after the Queen wore it.

Nearly every smart shop in the West End of London now displays adaptations of the Queen's hat. The fashion has even reached America.

71, She May Not Wed

Although he had been married 53 years and had 11 children and 13 grandchildren, 71-year-old George Andrews, farmer of The Orchard, Feltham, Middlesex, feared that his 71 would re-marry after his death.

In his will he wrote: "I make a special request to my dear wife not to re-marry, and providing she remained a widow he left her his entire £9,495 estate."

"My husband often asked me never to re-marry and I never will," said Mrs. Andrews.

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FOR LUSTROUS HAIR

THE "TELEGRAPH" will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

Russian Film On Nazis

London. "Professor Mamlock," a daring Russian film about the early days of the Nazi domination of Germany, was shown privately by the Film Society recently.

In Russia it has been so successful that Mezhlinski, the star player, was made "Honoured Artist of the Republic" order-bearer, and others associated with the production were given lesser decorations.

In America, too, "Professor Mamlock" has aroused keen interest. It is the only Soviet film ever to receive the seal of the Hays office, entitling it to bookings by circuits that accept the advice of the Hays organization.

PERSECUTION OF JEWS

The story opens at Munich on Feb. 27, 1933. An atmosphere of warning, ideologies and tension is skilfully established, by methods less obvious than those usually employed in Russian propagandist films, and before long we are in the midst of horrors since grown only too familiar.

The foreman of a factory who opposes Nazi doctrines is knifed in the back; Professor Mamlock, the famous doctor, is dragged through the streets, with a placard "Jew," around his neck and ultimately shot down; his son is hunted like a wild beast for his Communist views; his fiancée is beaten with soldiers' belts.

The picture is very well made and acted, and one does not have to be a Communist to find it uncomfortably impressive.

"Professor Mamlock" will probably be submitted to the Film Censor. If he refuses a certificate it may be possible to show it in the West End by licence of the L.C.C.

Fire Force 164 Years Old

REQUIRES SACRIFICE

BEATRICE, Neb. Thirty boys of Beatrice high school are under strict orders not to receive haircuts until March 1st. It isn't a barber shop boycott. Students' refusal in the opera. "The Frantic Physician" will make the roles realistic with their own long locks.

The Darby Fire Company No. 1, founded 164 years ago, is believed the oldest volunteer fire-fighting organization in the country. The company's proudest possession is "The Old Darby Ram," fire apparatus imported from England 150 years ago.



A New York fashion magazine has named the Duchess of Kent, the former Princess Marina of Greece, as one of four of the world's top-flight style setters. The Duchess is shown, right, with her sister, Princess Paula of Yugoslavia, during a visit to Belgrade.

FRANCE HAS BEST ARMY, SAYS DUCE

Who has the best army? Britain—Germany—Italy—Russia? No—France. Who says so? Not a Frenchman, but an Italian—Benito Mussolini.

In his book, "A Pact with Hitler," with a sub-title, "The Death of Austria" (published recently by Gollancz) Herr Martin Fuchs, ex-Chancellor Schuschnigg's private secretary during the Anschluss crisis, gives what he claims to be Schuschnigg's own version of his stormy meeting with Hitler at Berchtesgaden in February 1938.

This was the sensational "com-mand" meeting—commented by Hitler—at which the Fuehrer, his eyes rolling, lashed Schuschnigg

with a torrent of invective and brow-beat him into submission.

Then, as though he feared Schuschnigg might resist, Hitler said: "And don't be under any illusions about Mussolini. If he wants to help you, which he certainly will not, then 100,000 German troops will be sufficient not only to push Italy back from the Brenner, but to chase the Italian army as far as Naples."

Later Schuschnigg instructed the Austrian military attaché in Rome to tell Mussolini of Hitler's bombastic claim.

The Duce, in the Palazzo Venezia at first listened in silence.

Then, according to the attaché, he began to pace up and down with long, quick strides.

Finally, he banged his fist on the table and said in broken German: "I tell you that the best army in Europe at this moment is not the German. It is not even the Italian. The best army is—and remains—the French army."

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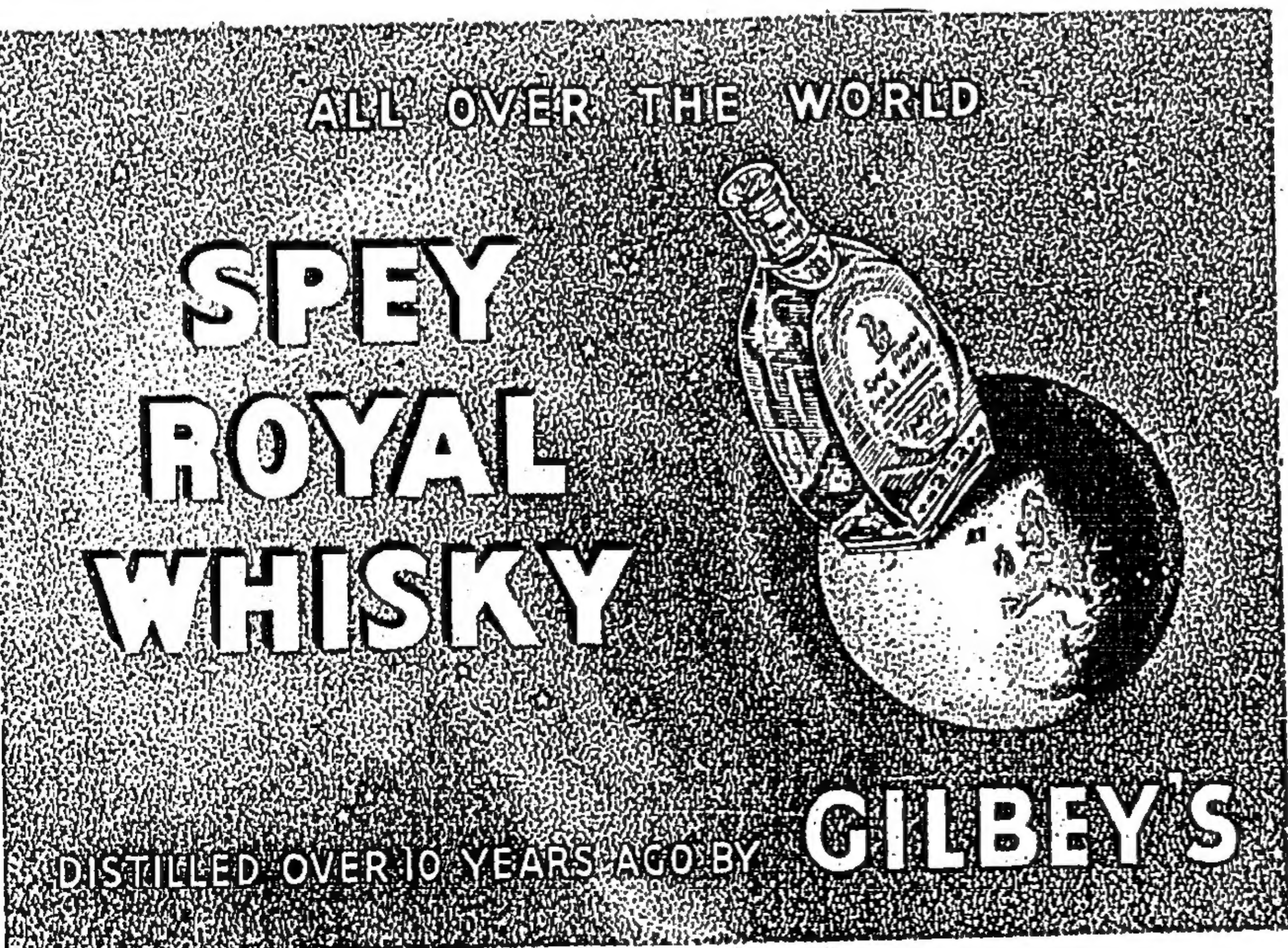
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BRITISH WARSHIPS MASS NEAR GREECE AS PARL. MEETS

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Four Battleships

The London correspondent of "Domel" reports that the existing British naval forces in the Mediterranean include four battleships, one aircraft-carrier, six cruisers, 30 destroyers, seven submarines, six torpedo-boats and ten minesweepers.

The battleship Warspite which stayed at San Remo in northern Italy for five days, left Naples on April 8, while the battleship Malaya left Marseilles, France, during the week-end.

Concentrated at Malta are the aircraft-carrier Glorious, the cruisers Devonshire, Sussex, Penelope, and Arethusa, seven submarines, six minesweepers, and the First and Third Destroyer Flotillas.

The cruiser Shropshire left Villefranche, France, on April 5, and the cruiser Galatea, returned to Gibraltar on April 5 and later proceeded to Malta.

The destroyers Wishart, Cossack, Maori and Zulu are standing by at Malta, while the Hardy, flagship of the torpedo-boat flotilla, and the destroyers Horn, Hereward, Hotspur and Havoc left Sorrento, Italy, on April 8.

CHILDREN AND WAR

Belfast, Apr. 11.—The Minister of Labour to-day said at a conference of the Ulster Teachers' Congress that they should assure children in the case of hostilities, as children's minds turn too much to war if given the smallest encouragement.—Reuter.

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The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, I.K.S.P.C. The Old City Hall, Queen's Road C., Hongkong, or the Inspector, 40, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

IL DUCE CALLS MORE RESERVES TO THE COLOURS

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Greek and Turkish frontiers.—United Press.

London Activity

After seeing the Soviet Ambassador this morning, Viscount Halifax visited Mr. Chamberlain at No. 10 Downing Street, where the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet continued deliberations on the European situation in the afternoon.

The King returned to London unexpectedly from his Eastern vacation at Windsor this afternoon. It was arranged that Mr. Chamberlain should see him on his arrival, and the King was expected to return to Windsor afterwards.—Reuter.

Italian View

ROME, Apr. 11.—Italian sources state that Italy will regard any British pledge to defend Greece as a move against Italy requiring a new disposition in the Mediterranean.

Italy is as equally concerned about Britain's intentions with regard to Greece as Britain is about Italy's intentions with regard to Corfu.

Ant-oriental sources said neither Italy nor Britain have given any "warning" over Albania or Greece. Mussolini's newspaper "Popolo d'Italia" states that Italy is contemplating the enrolment of Albanian officers in the Italian army.—United Press.

Assurances To Greece

Rome, Apr. 11.—Foreign press reports that the Italian Government has conveyed direct assurances to the Greek Government concerning Italy's attitude towards Greece have been confirmed by official circles.

Italy's friendly attitude will continue, and it is added that in view of this, it would be folly for Greece to perceive danger for herself in the other Balkan States in the measures taken by Italy in consolidating the Italian position in Albania and for stabilising peace there.

An Athens message says that there is a marked decrease in excitement in the public following the declaration made by Premier Metaxas that the Government had received unequivocal assurances from Rome regarding the independence of Greece and her integrity.—Trans-Ocean.

Yugo-Slav Precautions

Belgrade, Apr. 11.—Although the Yugo-Slav attitude towards the Italian occupation of Albania has not been officially declared, certain military precautions have been taken.

Several classes of reservists have been called up, mainly in districts bordering on the Yugo-Slavia-Albanian frontier.

The arrival here of the Croatian leader, M. Matkovich and Lieutenant Cufinech is welcomed as indicating pending agreement on the long-standing Croat demand for Home Rule.—Reuter Special.

Greece's Preparedness

Athens, Apr. 11.—Emphasis on Greece's preparedness to resist attack is made by the newspapers to-day.

They declare that calm is not due to impulsivity, for the people are passionately devoted to the independence and integrity of the country, but to the certainty that the army is ready for every eventuality.—Reuter Special.

ITALY CONSOLIDATES ALBANIAN CONQUEST

Tirana, Apr. 11.—The Albanian Provisional Government, has convoked a constitutional assembly for Wednesday to approve the new constitution Italian experts and members of the Governmental Committee have drawn up.

The constitution remodels Italian-Albanian relations and also the Albanian civil code to conform closely with the Italian code.—United Press.

Fascist Party To Be Formed

The Albanian provisional government at Tirana has sent a telegram to Premier Mussolini, "hoping for immediate organization of a Fascist party in Albania."—Domel.

210,000 Pieces of Gold

Tirana, Apr. 11.—At the authorisation of Il Duce, the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, announced to-day that the sum of 210,000 gold francs would be placed at the disposal of the provisional Albanian Administration to enable it to relieve privation among the population.

The Council sent a telegram of gratitude to Signor Mussolini acknowledging the gift.—Trans-Ocean.

Concoction Fatal

Inquiry Into Death After Drinking Soup

An inquiry into the death of Fong Kam-cheuk, 37, of No. 170 Nanchang Street, Shamshulpo, who died on March 7 after having partaken of some soup made from Chinese herbs, was held by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Detective Sergeant A. Soutar was present for the police. The first witness called was Dr. H. H. Tai, medical officer of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, who said he made a post-mortem on the body of Fong on March 8 and discovered that the cause of death was poisoning by Gelsemium elegans, (Benth). He found that externally, the body was that of a typical leper.

Continuing, Dr. Tai said that the poison was from a well-known local herb, and was used for application externally for various skin diseases. He believed that it was sold fairly generally in the herb stores of the Colony.

There were no external signs of syphilis, and it was possible that the leprosy may have been regarded by deceased as a form of venereal disease, as it was so regarded in Hongkong.

He said that a poisonous dose of the herb would be one fifth of a grain or even less, and if taken internally, would gradually paralyse the organs, while death would be brought about when the respiratory organs were affected.

Dr. Tai said that if the poison had been taken in by the mouth, he recommended that the treatment would be a stomach wash and the administration of stimulants, which would revive the paralysed muscles.

The herb was also known under the Chinese name of Woo Man Tang or Tuen-chung Tse.

Sir Paul-wah, wife of deceased, said her husband was suffering from syphilis, and was being treated by a Chinese doctor. She had never heard that he was suffering from leprosy.

The herbs had been brought to the house by a coolie named Cheung Tak on March 6, while the same man had often brought other kinds of herbs for her husband before.

Soup Tasted Rather Bitter. She had prepared the herbs by boiling them with pork on the morning of March 7, and when ready her husband had drunk about half a bowl, while she also took a smaller quantity. She had noticed a rather bitter taste about it at that time, and on mentioning it to her husband, was told that it might have been because the herbs were rather fresh.

After drinking the soup, she felt a little faint, while her husband appeared to be affected also shortly afterwards. Just before losing consciousness, she heard that her husband had also become unconscious.

This evidence was corroborated by a fellow tenant, Lau So, who said that before the ambulance arrived, the woman's husband had died.

Witness did not know if the deceased was suffering from anything, but he appeared to have a kind of a skin disease on his face.

As far as she knew, both the husband and wife were on good terms with each other.

Chan Soon-choi, 49, herbalist, identified the herbs produced in Court as Woo Man Tang, or Gelsemium elegans. He said it was usually sold for washing externally, and was sold to the herb stores by herb gatherers who brought it in, in a fresh condition. The herb was known to the herb dealers as poisonous.

In giving his verdict, Mr. Macfadyen said he was quite satisfied that it was entirely an accident, and that deceased died on March 7 from the effects of poisoning from Gelsemium elegans, which had been taken by mistake. He also pointed out that the herb was very dangerous, and could only be used for external use, as a very small quantity could be fatal if taken internally.

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CIVILIAN EXPELS JAPANESE

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By the civilian Magistrate of the Po On district, Mr. Liang Pao-jen.

Japanese Defied

He was appointed by the village elders in defiance of a Japanese edict three months ago.

The Japanese then stated that unless a pro-Japanese magistrate was appointed, warplanes would destroy Nantau and surrounding towns.

It is believed in Nantau that the Japanese landing yesterday was made in order to carry out this punishment.

Other military circles believe, however, that the Japanese landing may have been for the purpose of creating a diversion in view of the large-scale Chinese drive in the Shekling area.

Chinese casualties yesterday are admitted at twenty men. Casualties on both sides are probably higher.

British Envoy To Burgos

Burgos, Apr. 11.

The new British Ambassador to Spain, Sir Maurice Petersen, presented his credentials to General Franco to-day, who drove with the British Ambassador through the streets of the city which were lined with troops.

Sir Maurice Petersen said that he was not a stranger to Spain, but he came back to a new administration. He added that he would contribute to the best of his power to the good relations of the two countries.—Reuter.

Philippines Yacht Docks Here

The yacht Don Estaban arrived here last night from Manila for dry-docking. The vessel will be here for about two weeks, and is owned by the De La Rama Steamship Company.

The ship brought many residents from Manila and Manila on a round trip jaunt.

Social Items

The students of the Music Department of Maryknoll Convent School will be heard in a Pianoforte Recital on Wednesday, April 12, at 5.30 p.m. These students are prepared for the Trinity College of Music Examination.

St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship will meet to-morrow at 2.45 p.m. for a long games afternoon, proceeds of which will be given to the Charity Fund.

Louis Frear (Mrs. Charles Shephard) a comedienne of the Naughty Nineties, died in a Bayswater flat on March 33 unknown aged 67. She was buried at Brookwood, Surrey, on March 24. Her greatest hit was as Fill in "A Chinese Honey-moon" at the Old Strand Theatre. The play ran for two weeks.

On March 18, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, the wedding took place of Dorothy Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lavinton of Shanghai, to John Gordon Frederick, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. E. Sholler, of Shanghai.

Miss Ruby Baugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville R. Baugh of Manila, exchanged marriage vows with Jose Valdes, son of Dona Rita Legarda Valdes, of Manila, recently in the San Sebastian church.

Several hundred prominent representatives of Manila cosmopolitan society attended the impressive nuptial mass in the Lourdes Church recently to witness the marriage of Miss Matilda Gonzalez La O, attractive and popular member of the Spanish community, to James Eugene Norton, well-known member of the American community.

CHARITY BALL

In Aid of Chinese Soldiers And Refugees

A grand fancy dress charity ball will be held at the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel on April 21, under the auspices of the Hongkong Branch of the Mutual Women's Relief Association.

Prizes will be awarded for the best and most original costumes. Talented artists are contributing to the evening's programme. Mr. Hugh Chen, the sensational tap-dancer of "Debutante Goes to Town" will lead a chorus of beautiful society girls. The champion dancers, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Li, will give a demonstration of the Spanish Tango and Viennese Waltz. There will also be singing and comedy numbers.

All proceeds will be devoted to relief work. This Association has incessantly worked to raise funds in aid of wounded soldiers and refugees. The members leave no stone unturned in their efforts to lessen the suffering of their unfortunate countrymen. They appeal to public generosity and sympathy.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Air Mail Due To-day By Two Planes

The Imperial Airways Dorado and Delta are due at 5 p.m. to-day at Kai Tak with mails from all countries, and several passengers.

The two planes left Hongkong at 7 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers and outward mail:

Mr. E. C. Hagen for London, Mr. So Tong-hui for Bangkok, Mr. R. W. Cole, Mr. A. Wienen and Mr. S. Yano for Hanoi, and Mr. Sam Tak-kong for Singapore.

NEW LOCAL SCHEDULES

As from April 24 arrivals of Imperial Airways in Hongkong will be on Mondays and Thursdays instead of Wednesdays and Saturdays. Departures from Hongkong will be on Tuesdays and Fridays as heretofore.

Transit times between Hongkong and London will be six days east-bound and six and a half days west-bound. Between Hongkong and Singapore transit times will be two and a half days by the service from Hongkong on Tuesdays, and three and a half days by that from Hongkong on Fridays.

In the reverse direction mails will leave Singapore on Tuesday, arriving on Thursdays, and on Fridays, arriving in Hongkong the following Monday, a transit time of two and three days, respectively.

YANKEE CLIPPER

London, Apr. 11.—The Pan-American Airways flying-boat Yankee Clipper left Southampton to-day for Foyes harbour to inspect the facilities there. She carried the original crew of 12 and nine experts who crossed the Atlantic from Baltimore on the first test flight.—Reuter Bulletin.

CIVIL PILOTS TRAINED

Washington, Apr. 11.—The House Committee for Inter-State Commerce has favourably reported on the bill authorising the Civil Aeronautics Authority to train civilian pilots. A sum of \$5,075,000 will be appropriated for the purpose.—United Press.

GOODWILL PLANE

Tokyo, Apr. 11.—The Japanese monoplane Soyokaze which hopped off from Canton at 8.10 a.m. arrived at Bangkok at 3.50 p.m. to conclude the third stage of its goodwill flight from Tokyo to Tehran.—Domel.

FIRST TRIP FINISHED

Tokyo, Apr. 11.—Successfully inaugurating a regular air service between Yokohama and the capital of the Japanese Mandated Islands in the South Seas, the air-liner of the Japan Aviation Corporation returned to Yokohama at 3.30 p.m. yesterday completing its return flight from the Southern Pacific. The air-liner covered the entire distance for the round trip, extending over 4,800 kilometres, in 32 hours, 30 minutes.—Domel.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. April 14; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. April 18.

For Chungking, Sian, etc. Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: Pan American Clipper 8.30 a.m. April 14.

For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. April 15.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 12; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 15.

From U.S.A. via Guam, and Manila: Pan American Clipper 1 p.m. April 13.

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MAIL FOR CANTON

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sulyang	April 12.
Formosa	Canton Maru	April 12.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)		
London date, 16th March		
and London Parcels—London date, 9th March	Corthage	April 12.
Manila	Empress of Canada	April 12.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 5th April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 12.
Calcutta, Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.)		
London date, 9th March	Santhia	April 12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Taiyuan	April 12.
Saloon	Jean Laborde	April 13.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Klungchow	April 13.
Saloon	Laos	April 13.
Straits and Manila	Menestheus	April 13.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 24th March)	Pres. Taft	April 13.
Java	Tilbadak	April 13.
Tientsin and Swatow	Yunnan	April 13.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	April 14.
Swatow	Newchwang	April 14.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 6th April	Pan American Airways Plane	April 14.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 18th March)	Pres. Adams	April 14.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	April 14.
Shanghai and Amoy	Soochow	April 14.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 17th March)	Asama Maru	April 15.
Straits	Diomed	April 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 15.
Manila	Neptuna	April 15.
Manila	Roseville	April 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutsang	April 16.
Haiphong	Canton	April 17.
Java and Manila	Tjinegara	April 17.
Straits	Cremor	April 18.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Wednesday		
Swatow	Taisang	Wed., April 12, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy via Swatow	Anhui	Wed., Apr. 12, 2.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Canton	Canton Maru	Thurs., Apr. 13, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Carthage	Thurs., Apr. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Jean Laborde	Thurs., Apr. 13, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tuksang	Thurs., Apr. 13, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Thurs., Apr. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 20th April	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., April 13, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 13, 5.30 p.m.
		G.P.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 13, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 22nd April	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., April 13, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 13, 5.30 p.m.
		G.P.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 13, 7 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 3rd May and Europe (except Great Britain and Elre) via Siberia	Empress of Canada	Thurs., Apr. 13, G. F. O. and K. F. O.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 9.15 a.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 14, 10 a.m.
Friday		
Haiphong	Chekkiang	Fri., Apr. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Pientsin	Tingsang	Fri., Apr. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	Fri., Apr. 14, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service."	Air France Plane	Fri., Apr. 14, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 14, 5.30 p.m.
		G.P.O.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 14, 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th May.	G. F. O. and K. F. O.	Fri., Apr. 14, Parcels, Apr. 15, 9.45 a.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 21st April.	Pan American Airways plane	Fri., Apr. 14, K. P. O.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 14, 5.30 p.m.
		G. F. O.
	Reg.	Apr. 14, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 15, 7.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K. L. M.—Airways Corfu Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 26th April.	G. F. O. and K. F. O.	Sat., Apr. 15, Reg., Apr. 15, 8.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 15, 10 a.m.
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"Mare Nostrum"

THE CRISIS pot boils and bubbles
along the shores lapped by the
placid waters of the Mediterranean,
heated by the fires of aggrandise-
ment on the one side, suspicion and
fear on the other.

The real quarrel is the lordship
of the inland sea.

Italy calls it "Mare Nostrum"—
"Our Sea."

Ordinarily, that would not matter.
But when Mussolini decides that
the Mediterranean becomes his sea
to the exclusion of other nations,
Britain must act. It may be Italy's
sea, but it is Britain's artery. An
Italian torqu coast would stop the
life-blood of commerce flowing be-
tween the heart of the Empire and
its finger-tips in Hongkong, Singa-
pore, India.

That is why there is stationed in
the Mediterranean now a very im-
posing portion of the British fleet.
Britain's warships are not there to
impede the communications of any
nation, but to protect her own.

Because of this, the position in
the Mediterranean to-day is a very
interesting one, vastly different
from 1914-18. We had enemies in
the inland sea then—Austria-Hun-
gary and Turkey both, had
respectable-sized fleets.

To-day, Britain's warships are
still so superior that they could
bottle up any possible combination
of enemies in the Mediterranean.
But a new factor has entered into
consideration. Were there no Air
Force, the British fleet would do-
minate the Mediterranean as in
former times.

It is in the air that Italy is so
superior in the Mediterranean.
The story of Abyssinia would have
been a vastly different one but for
these Italian planes.

You heard of what they did in
Albania, of how they destroyed
Spanish towns. In both those coun-
tries, however, only a few hundred
planes were used. Of Italy's 4,000
planes only 400 went to Spain—an
equal number was used in Albania.

Against this number Britain has
no more than a thousand planes
within reach of the Mediterranean.
Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus, the Suez
Canal are all within reach of Mus-
solini's bombers.

If there is ever trouble between
Italy and Britain, we may be tem-
porarily forced from the Mediter-
ranean. Hongkong's trade with
Europe will have to be diverted via
the Cape or Panama.

Will that help Italy?
No! Britain need only withdraw
her warships to Gibraltar in the
west, to Aden in the East. Italy
will be as effectually strangled as
was Germany in 1918.

For it is not the Mediterranean
itself, but these two British for-
tresses, which are the key to "Mare
Nostrum."

MENACE of the MEDITERRANEAN

By GENERAL
NIESSEL.

The distinguished French soldier,
who, as a former Inspector-
General of Aviation, is one of
the greatest living authorities on
the air arm. He was a member
of the French Supreme War
Council, and has been decorated
with the Grand Cross of the
Legion of Honour.

THE whole world lives
in the hope that
Mediterranean tension
will soon find a satisfactory
settlement.

It is proper at this moment to
study the strategic situation in
the Mediterranean, with special
reference to the changes which
the use of warplanes has brought
to the normal conditions of naval
warfare.

Before the development of the
age of machinery and before the
birth of those two new weapons
of war, the aeroplane and the
submarine, fleets of warships
could hold the high seas for
months at a time and could
blockade from a close range an
enemy coastline. At the same
time, with the artillery of that
pre-aviation period, well defend-
ed ports, even if they were right
on the coast level, formed safe
harbours for warships.

To-day, however, modern
ships need to return to harbour
very frequently for repairs and
for re-fuelling; ports on the
actual coastline can be bombard-
ed from a distance by artillery,
and all ports are within the field
of action of enemy aircraft.

Warships, moving fast, can to
a small extent protect them-
selves from attack by air. But
aeroplanes and submarines work-
ing together make navigation
for hostile war fleets in narrow
seas extremely dangerous.

Strategic Advantages

This is particularly the case
with the Mediterranean, and it
would be no exaggeration to
look upon the whole of this sea
as a focal area of grave danger
where sea movements would be
most difficult to protect, above
all, from air attack.

There is no denying the patent
fact that the central position of
Italy, lying across the middle of
the Mediterranean, gives her re-
markable strategic advantages
in the western half of that sea.

From the coasts of Sardinia
to those of North Africa the dis-
tance is barely one hundred
miles; only seventy miles
separate Sicily from the
northern cape of Tunisia, with
another seventy between Sicily
and Malta. The triangle of sea
between Sardinia, Sicily, and the
coastline of Naples has a base of
only four hundred miles, and
there is not a point in the
Tyrrhenian Sea which is more
than three hundred miles distant
from the nearest point either in
Italy or from the coast of Italian
Northern Africa.

In the whole of this area,
which cuts the Mediterranean in
two, the greater part of Italy's
land flying forces could co-
operate in Italy's offensive naval
operations and could render even
ordinary navigation extremely
dangerous, if not impossible, to
an enemy.

Malta, with its harbour, re-
stricted in size, could no longer
afford protection to the British
Fleet.

The far western part of the
Western Mediterranean as far as
Gibraltar becomes less exposed
to such terrible danger as the
distance from Sardinia increases.
Nevertheless, even in this part
of the Mediterranean, the
Italian seaplanes and Italian air-
men who accomplished the flight
across the Atlantic would be
capable of undertaking the jour-
ney of 1,600 miles (there and
back) which separates Sardinia
from Gibraltar.

Britain's Peril

It is necessary to emphasise
the fact that Italian aviation
would in these seas have the
enormous advantage of being
based on its national territory,
close to its reserve depots and to
the factories which ensure its
replacement, its spare parts, its
stores and arms. British war-
plane fleets, on the other hand,
would have to be entirely re-

plenished from England, and
would have no safe base on
land.

The warplanes carried with
the British Fleet are too inferior
in number ever to hope to be
able to gain supremacy in the
air over the Italian seaplane and
landplane war fleets, whose
technical efficiency is quite equal
to that of their British rivals.

It is therefore plain that
though British naval superiority
in surface craft would compel
the Italian surface fleet to be
extremely careful, the Italian
Navy, aided by its proximity to
its own bases and powerfully
supported first by its air fleet,
and secondly by its considerable
number of submarines, would be
able to find many extremely
favourable occasions for success-
ful attack.

Looking Eastwards

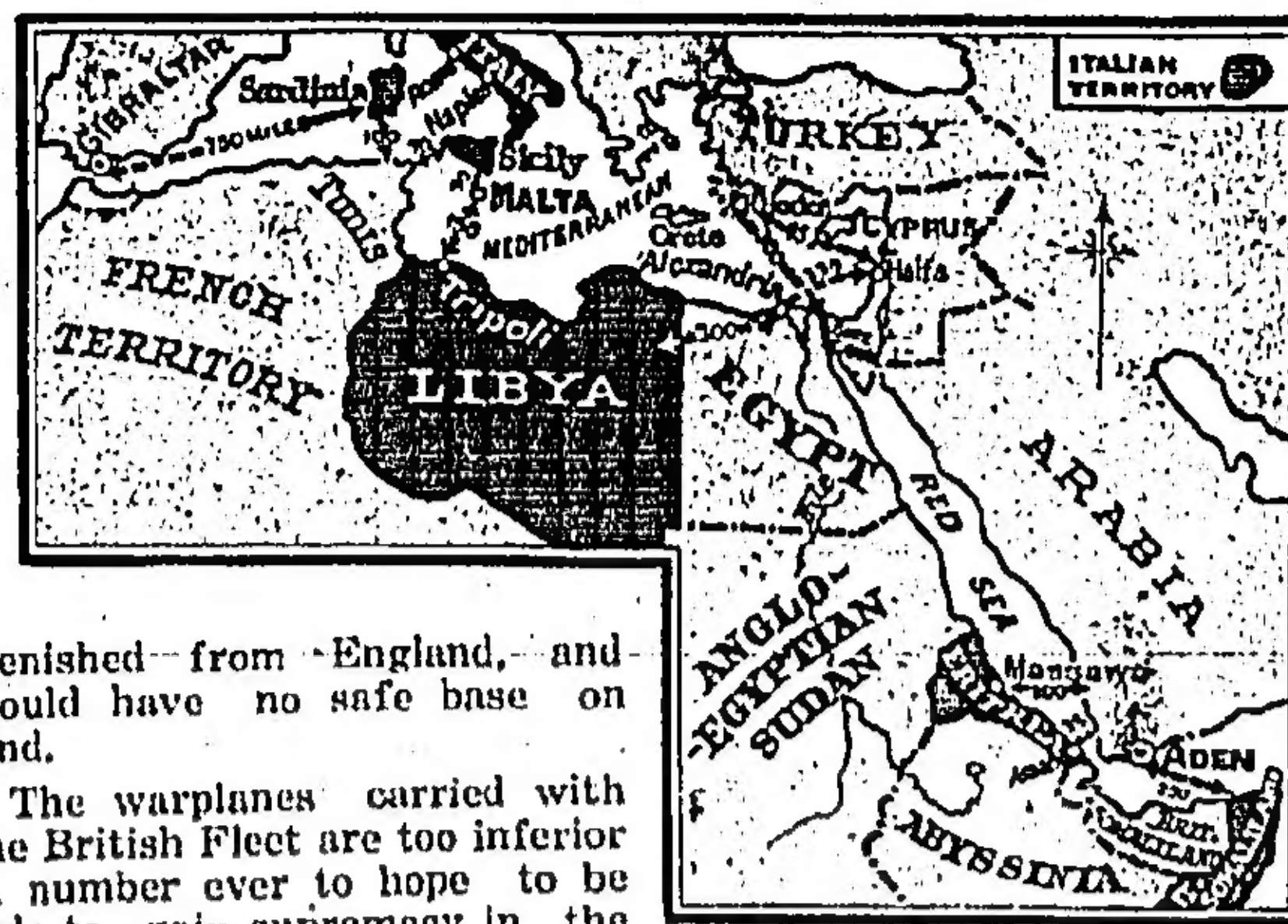
In the Eastern Mediterranean
the comparative situation of the
two hypothetically rival Air
Forces would not be so extreme-
ly unequal.

British Air Forces could, like
the British Fleet, find bases in
Cyprus, at Haifa, and on the
northern coast of Egypt, where
they have an admirably well-
organised refitting station at
Aboukir.

Nevertheless, even here the
Italian warplanes based on
Rhodes and the Dodecanese
Islands are only 450 miles from
Haifa, less than 400 miles from
the entry to the Suez Canal, and
only 350 miles from Alexandria.

Dangerous Possibilities

The Italians also have bases
available in Libya, the frontier
of which is but 300 miles from
Alexandria. The coast of Libya,
as well as that of Rhodes, would
at the same time form admirable



working bases for the Italian
under-sea fleet. The British
Fleet, despite its great
superiority in tonnage and num-
bers, could not prevent the
Italian over-sea and under-sea
fleets working in combination.

In the Red Sea, however, the
British Fleet would exercise an
undoubted superiority, for it
can be taken that Italy would
not commit the grievous fault of
sending to that region any im-
portant units. But here again
the powerful Air Force that
Italy has built up in East Africa
would be able to exercise a police
control which would be extreme-
ly dangerous to any commercial
navigation in that narrow sea.
It would also be able to effect
diversions, conjointly with the
Italian land forces, in the direc-
tion of the Sudan, which would
be excessively unpleasant.

Despite the distance that
separates the South-east of
Libya from Eritrea, it would not
be impossible, either, for Italian
warplanes to cross the distance
and fly right over the Sudan.

**The Aeroplane's
Influence**

To sum up, in the event of a
conflict in the Mediterranean
and in the Red Sea, the entrance
into action of the air fleets would
have a marked influence on the
progress of operations. In par-
ticular, it would compel the
greater part of merchant ship-
ping to avoid the Mediterranean
and thus cause in economic up-
heaval.

SMELLS AROUND THE WORLD

A famous explorer re-
cently followed his nose
around the world, and these
are the points he touched
upon:—

Stralls of Malacca.—You meet a
warm, fruity smell, especially when
a fruit known as the dourian is ripe.
A dourian always reminds me of
Singapore.

Ceylon.—In our childhood's days
on occasional Sundays we sang about
the "spicy breezes" that blew from
Ceylon's isle, but I have been to
Ceylon dozens of times and have
never noticed the scent off shore.
But the moment you get on shore
you scent the betel nut; you can shut
your eyes and imagine the naked
brown body of the rickshaw man.

China.—China conjures up in my
mind the smell of moth-eaten cen-
turies; I think it is due to the length
of time the country has lived—and
the lack of disinfectants.

West Coast.—The smell of decaying
vegetation recalls the West Coast of
Africa.

Japan.—Japan has the genuine
spicy smell. If somebody handed
you a Japanese article and your eyes
were closed you would know it was
Japanese.

Chili.—Any hot, dry, hard smell
would remind me of Chili and Peru.
The Ideal.—Mauritius, however,
has what I call the ideal smell. You
are up in the mountains with the
roses, and there is a freshness and
a charm about it that I have never
met elsewhere in all my wanderings.

Berlin.—Berlin conveys the im-
pression that even if there were any
smells they would be numbered and
under police regulation.

Paris.—The French capital has a
careless smell about it.

On the Ocean.—The deep blue sea
has no smell of its own, but that
very fact strengthens the smell of the
old sailing ship—the smell of the tar
on the ropes that brings with it a
sense of heart yearning.

Other places which have distinc-
tive smells in his recollection are:—
Aden—hides and heat.
Leningrad—wood fires.

Oregon (U.S.A.) and Sutherland-
shire—pine trees.

San Francisco—"a really fruity
smell."

Hungary and Rumania—cattle
sheds and stables.

Arabia—rancid butter.

Burma—"the whacking white
cheerful" and the "brown smell" of
the Irrawaddy.

BOMBAY, Apr. 11.—About £100,-
000 worth of gold left Bombay to-day,
half of which is optionally being sent
to New York, Paris, and Amsterdam.
—Reuter.

HOLLAND IS READY But Dutchmen Will Mind Own Business

Says
Barnaby Cobb

What would the Dutchman have
done had Hitler decided to put such
fanciful dream into action?

I PUT the question to the man sit-
ting opposite to me in the car-
riage after we had exchanged cigar-
ettes.

"We have a warlike neighbour,"
he said. "Why talk of him.
As though to humour me he said,
finally: 'War is not won by aero-
planes or bombs any more, my friend.
We have already seen that. The
next war, they say, will be with gas.
Well, our prevailing wind is from the
west—from the sea. Only for sixty
days in the year does it blow the
other way. So you see,' he added,
with a gesture conveying the futility
of further discussion, 'the gas would
blow towards Germany, not to us.'"
"But war," I said, "has always
been won on land with armies and
artillery."

Humouring me once more he said:
"It is so simple. If war should come
with Germany we concentrate our
army on the N.E. frontier. We can
hold that long enough for our civil-
ian population in that area to be
evacuated. Then we fall back to a
line east of Utrecht and open the
dykes from the Zuider Zee. That
will save Rotterdam, Amsterdam,
The Hague and Utrecht. No army
can cross that water."

At The Hague, where our train
stopped for a moment, I inter-
rupted his discourse on tulip-growing
to ask if the Queen didn't live there.
His solemn, expressionless face
lighted up. "Yes," he said, "and
she's a fine woman, our Queen. Like
my mother. She wears four petti-
coats."

His wife didn't wear four petticoats
he explained, for it wasn't the custom
now.
The Queen rode a bicycle, too, like
all people in Holland. His mother
(Continued on Page 5.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"More labour trouble. Snodgrass—the vice presidents have organized and gone on strike!"

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To every suit its blouse. . . With a sports suit, as a change from the eternal pull-over, there is an amusing blouse made in natural coloured chamois leather, exactly like that which is used to clean your silver. Does that astonish you? Perhaps; but I can assure you that the result is charming.

It is closed in front with big matching buttons. A yoke, stitched very heavily, goes around the shoulders and ends in a bow in front. The sleeves are very short and gathered.

I saw this blouse worn under a dark green suit, and I could not resist ordering one like it for myself.

Apart from its smartness it is wonderfully light, warm and comfortable to wear.

Jabot and cuffs of
pleated muslin add a
touch of glamour to
this blouse—also of
white satin—(Maggie Rouff.)



The ribbons were placed horizontally and slightly overlapping with the lavender at the neck and the colour shading into deep violet, the colour of the skirt, at the bottom of the blouse.

Gros-grain

HERMES has created a blouse to be worn under a classic tailored suit. It is in violet gros-grain; this stuff has so much body that it can be worked by a tailor. It has a little straight collar, buttoned all the

way down the front, and ends like a man's waistcoat.

The sleeves are simple, short and untripped.

There is also a real waistcoat, without sleeves or collar, of "pigeon throat" more, in changing tones, closed by three antique little buttons. It recalls the waistcoats worn by men in the eighteenth century.



The very high collar of this white satin blouse is trimmed with rows of white braid.—(Maggie Rouff.)

SHORT CUTS

During damp weather, salt may be kept from sticking by mixing a teaspoon of cornstarch to a cup of salt.

Did you know that string beans will cook in half the time if cut lengthwise?

Always remove canned asparagus from a can opened at the bottom to avoid breaking the soft tips.



Melbourne Jolts Motorists

MELBOURNE, Australia. Motorists who run out of gasoline will be obliged to walk home now. Sale of gasoline or other auto accessories in the metropolitan district is prohibited after 8 P.M. on five weekdays and after 2 P.M. on Saturdays and holidays.

Jockey Colours

THEN there are blouses inspired by the costumes of jockeys. In thick, dull crepe, pale yellow in colour, one has a rolled collar of the same crepe in warm brown; a wide band of brown crosses the blouse from top to bottom diagonally in front and at the back. The sleeves are yellow, and end in a cuff like that of a man's shirt. And another blouse half in rose satin, half in violet satin is even more like a jockey's shirt.

Among the original blouses is a model created by Lanvin called "Apache." It is a strict "shirt-maker's" blouse in black crepe de chine with long sleeves; three vertical pleats at the yoke hold in a red scarf.

Flower Buttons

PAQUIN chooses chiffon in a tone of deep violet to make a blouse with a round décolleté from which hang a gathered jabot, recalling those of French burristers. It is gathered into a sort of corslet at the waist.

This house uses dove-grey satin, so light that it is almost silver, for a blouse to be worn with a grey suit. The décolleté is irregular, ending in a point under the left shoulder. The blouse is closed with three buttons in the shape of flowers made in gilt metal with turquoise hearts.

The long sleeves are trimmed with a group of folds at the elbow and end in a deep cuff.

Maggie Rouff advocates high collars and certain of them have light flexible boning.

Even ribbon has been used to make blouses. I very much admired one that was made in full ribbed in tones shading from lavender to deep violet.

Cod Roe Dishes

HERE are two appetising ways of cooking this delicious sea-food.

Roe Souffle

1 lb roe (boiled),
2 ozs fresh bread-crumbs,
2 eggs,
1/2 pint milk,
1 oz butter,
1 oz grated cheese,
Salt and pepper.
Boil the milk and pour over the bread-crumbs and butter, season and allow to cool slightly. Skin the roe and chop it in very small pieces, add it to the bread-crumbs mixture with the beaten egg yolks.

Whip up the egg whites and fold into the mixture. Grease some in divided fireproof dishes and fill three-quarters full of souffle mixture, sprinkle with cheese and bake in a hot oven for 20-25 minutes.

Roe Rarebits

3/4 lb roe (boiled),
3/4 lb grated cheese,
1 oz butter or margarine.

Invalids Seldom Welcome Tactless Visitors

NO ONE in the world loves to laugh more than I do but I weary of "wise-cracks." I also have a feeling that everyone does if they were not too polite to admit it. There are so many wise-cracking books, so many wise-cracking radio programmes, not to mention movies and plays and people, that one longs for the companionship of the com- who has had an ounce of experience in being an invalid.

When one's friends regard one's indisposition as the occasion for a sort of field day, one is neither content of humour. Those who really for- get, strengthened nor flattered, have one not so sure that it is anything to be thankful for.

Having been wallowing in wise-cracks lately I can still laugh at Margaret Fishback's very sage and savoury book called "Safe Conduct," with the subtitle, "When to Behave and Why."

"Etiquette," says the author, "needs a thorough overhauling with new parts in the crankcase." She then proceeds to do just that with neatness and dispatch and rather more than a vein of humour. Yet it is a book with a kindly and definite purpose since it really does straighten out any knotty questions of etiquette that may have come your way.

SICKROOM ETIQUETTE

The book is both very funny and very helpful. Just the sort to send to a sick friend who needs a good laugh more than sympathy. And speaking of sick friends, has it ever occurred to you how terribly at our mercy they are? Word gets around that someone we know is ill; off we rush bent on intruding ourselves upon them whether or not. And what is the poor invalid to do? It's impossible to send out word that she is out, and she can't sleep all the time. There comes a time when the vigilance committee bent on visiting the sick accomplishes its purpose, whether or not the invalid wants their society.

A whole volume could, and should, be written on the subject of consideration for the sick, who, goodness knows, have enough to bear without having to be polite to bores along with their other troubles. Miss Fishback muffed that one, but one gets a hint of what her advice might be from her "Forewarned is Forearmed" chapter, which starts off with the uncompromising statement that "People who drop in at friends' homes without telephoning in or somehow declaring their intentions, are sadly misguided. David McCord's comment on such impostors is, 'Even a rattler rattles before it strikes.'"

SOUND THE ALARM

From this I gather that she believes it is advisable to send out some sort of alarm before intruding on an invalid's privacy, a notion which is seconded by anyone

School Saves Landmark

Prescott, Ariz. A monument to the earliest supervised education in the state, Arizona's first school, a cement plastered log house, will stand untouched as workmen tear down some of Prescott's oldest buildings to make way for a new high school and gymnasium.

Hot milk,
Salt and pepper,
8 small slices of toast.
Skin the roe and mash it down with a fork, spread a thin layer on each piece of hot buttered toast. Melt the butter and add it to the cheese with sufficient hot milk to make a stiff paste. Spread a layer on top of the roe toasts and place under the grill for a few minutes to allow the cheese to brown.

Weary Eyes Cause Lines

CALLING crows'-feet "laugh lines" or "character lines" is kind. Sometimes they are these, of course, but more often they merely indicate eyes trying too hard to overcome defective vision or combat continual strain.

New hair and hat styles, new make-up—everything calls for eyes that are young, brilliant, lively. And the skin surrounding them should be smooth and soft, as clear in tone as the rest of your complexion. Your forehead should be unfurrowed and there should be no vertical grooves over the bridge of your nose. If you have any of the above faults, ask yourself honestly if your haven't refused to face the possibility that you might need glasses.

Even though you do not need glasses, your eyes require care and attention. If you want to keep your good vision and the beauty and expressiveness of your eyes, first, you should learn to rest your eyes frequently. Sufficient sleep is as good for your eyes as it is for the rest of your body.

During your waking hours, especially when working at a job that requires concentration, close your eyes for a few seconds from time to time. You know how, when you are tired, your eyes have a way of blinking in spite of your efforts to keep them open. This is nature's way of relaxing them.

You know, too, the old advice about shifting your eyes from any close work, such as reading or sewing, and looking at a distant object to change their focus. Do you do it? This is a splendid form of exercise for the eyes. If you do it consciously.

Bathe your eyes, too, as faithfully as you wash your face. Buy a good eye lotion if you wish, or make your own less expensively by dissolving boric acid powder in boiled water—no much boric acid as will go into solution.

When your eyes are unusually tired or abused, warm some of the solution and bathe them first with the warm, then with some of the cold liquid. This is refreshing if you are tired.

Further the soothing effect of the eye baths by dipping pads of cotton in the warm solution and lying down for 10 or 15 minutes, your eyes closed and the warm wet pads pressed over them.

APRICOT STUFFING

HERE is a good stuffing which may be used for fowls.—Steam till tender 1/2 lb of dried apricots which have previously been well soaked. Allow them to cool and then chop finely.

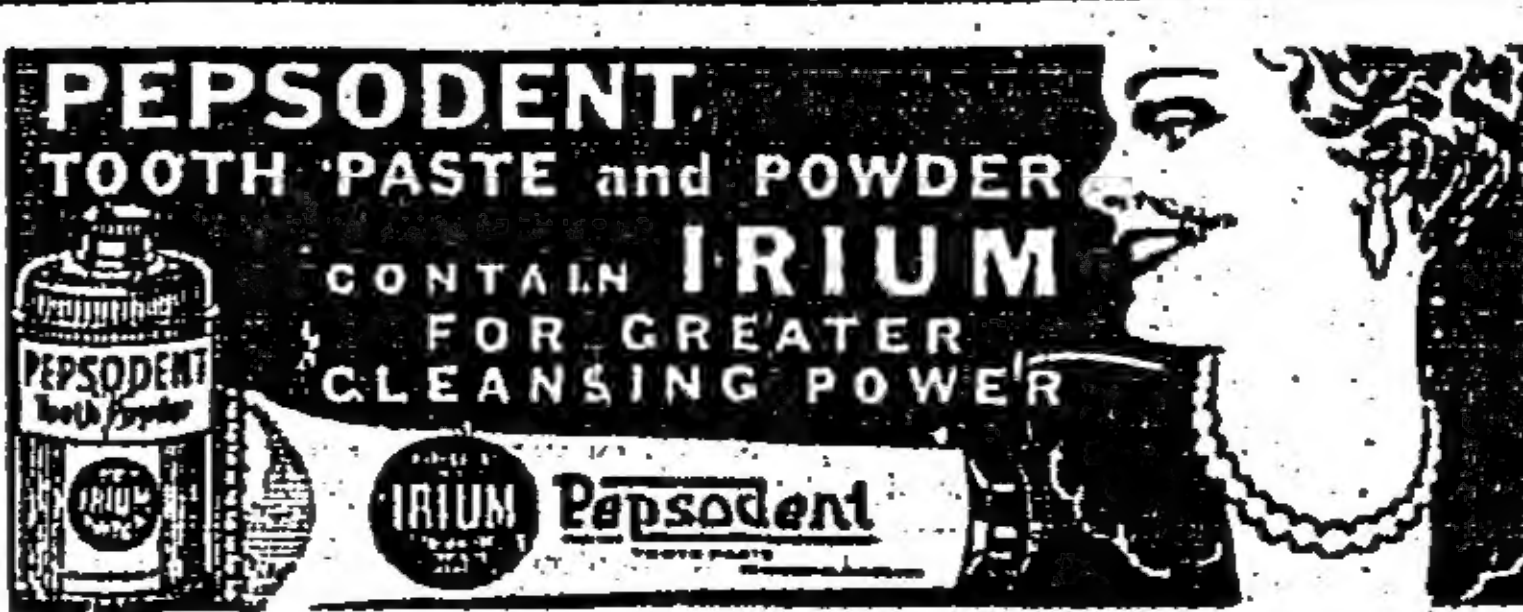
Make a stuffing with 2 cups of fine white breadcrumbs, 1/2 cup of luscious crumbs, 1/4 cup of butter, and salt and pepper to season.

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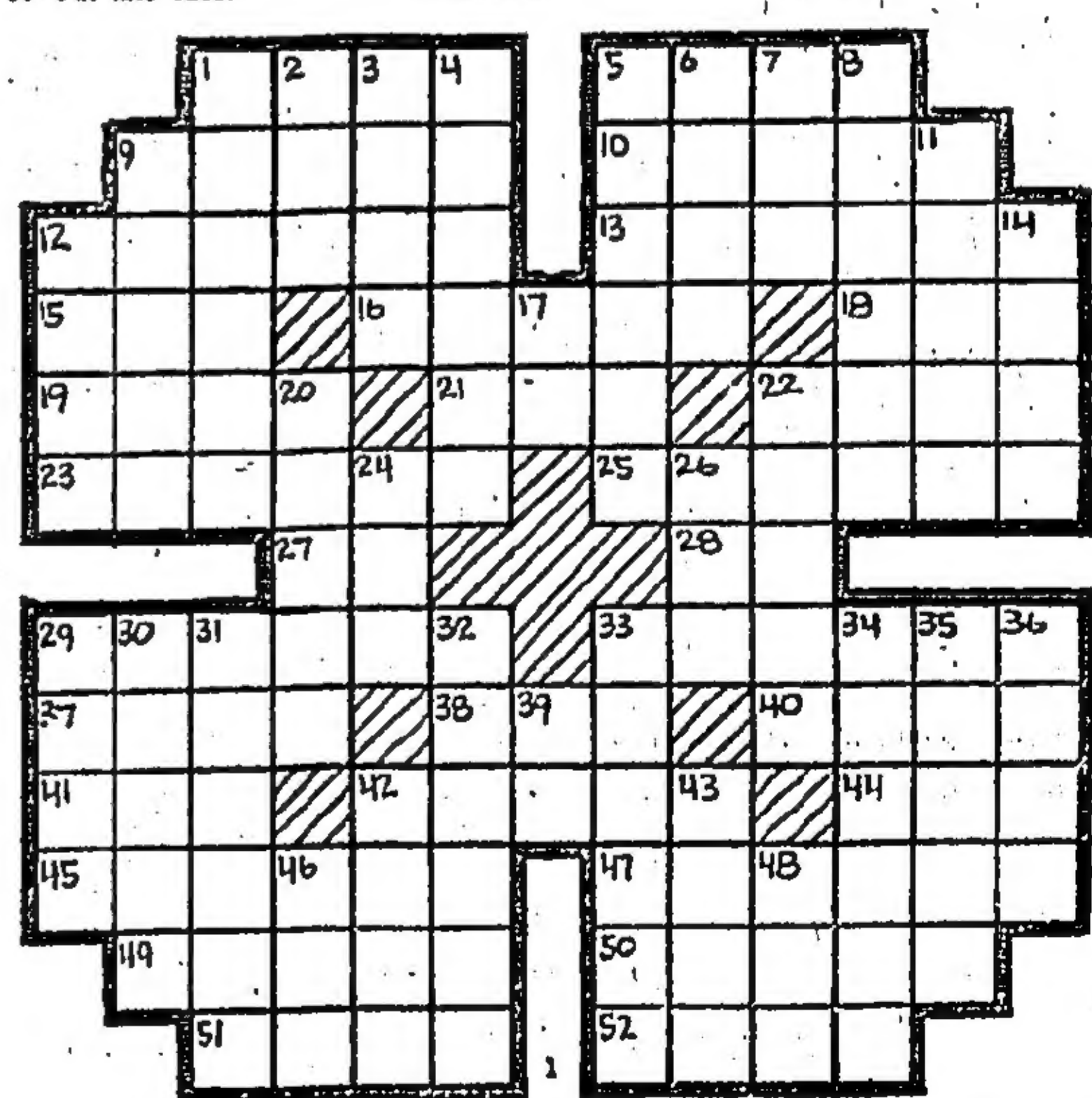
ACROSS

- 1—Grant
- 5—Food
- 9—Quitting instantly
- 10—Island near Naples
- 12—Appointed
- 13—Iroquois tribe
- 15—Atmosphere
- 16—Indicator
- 18—Liberian native
- 19—Foundation
- 21—Pinch
- 22—Animal
- 23—Chooses
- 25—Falls to move
- 27—Junk
- 28—Exalts
- 29—Vapors
- 30—Specific taste
- 31—Male deer
- 32—Part of mouth
- 34—Girl's name
- 35—Over (speaking)
- 42—Feminine title
- 44—Large tank
- 45—Part of solar system
- 47—Death
- 49—Ooze
- 50—Put into effect



- 51—Man-like animal
- 52—Bill of sand
- 1—Unrestrained
- 2—Mistake

- 3—Real estate contract
- 4—Backward current
- 6—Detail
- 7—John (German)
- 8—Imitate
- 10—Fossilize (cool)
- 11—For you know? (Spanish)
- 14—Medicine
- 17—One
- 18—Medusa
- 20—Fundamental
- 24—Thomson
- 26—Small home
- 28—Store
- 30—Fossilize (cool)
- 31—Mistake
- 33—Line for nomination
- 34—One with spade
- 36—Obviate
- 38—Have confidence in
- 39—Having searings
- 40—I would
- 42—Coast
- 43—Bill of fare
- 46—Short sleep
- 48—Male



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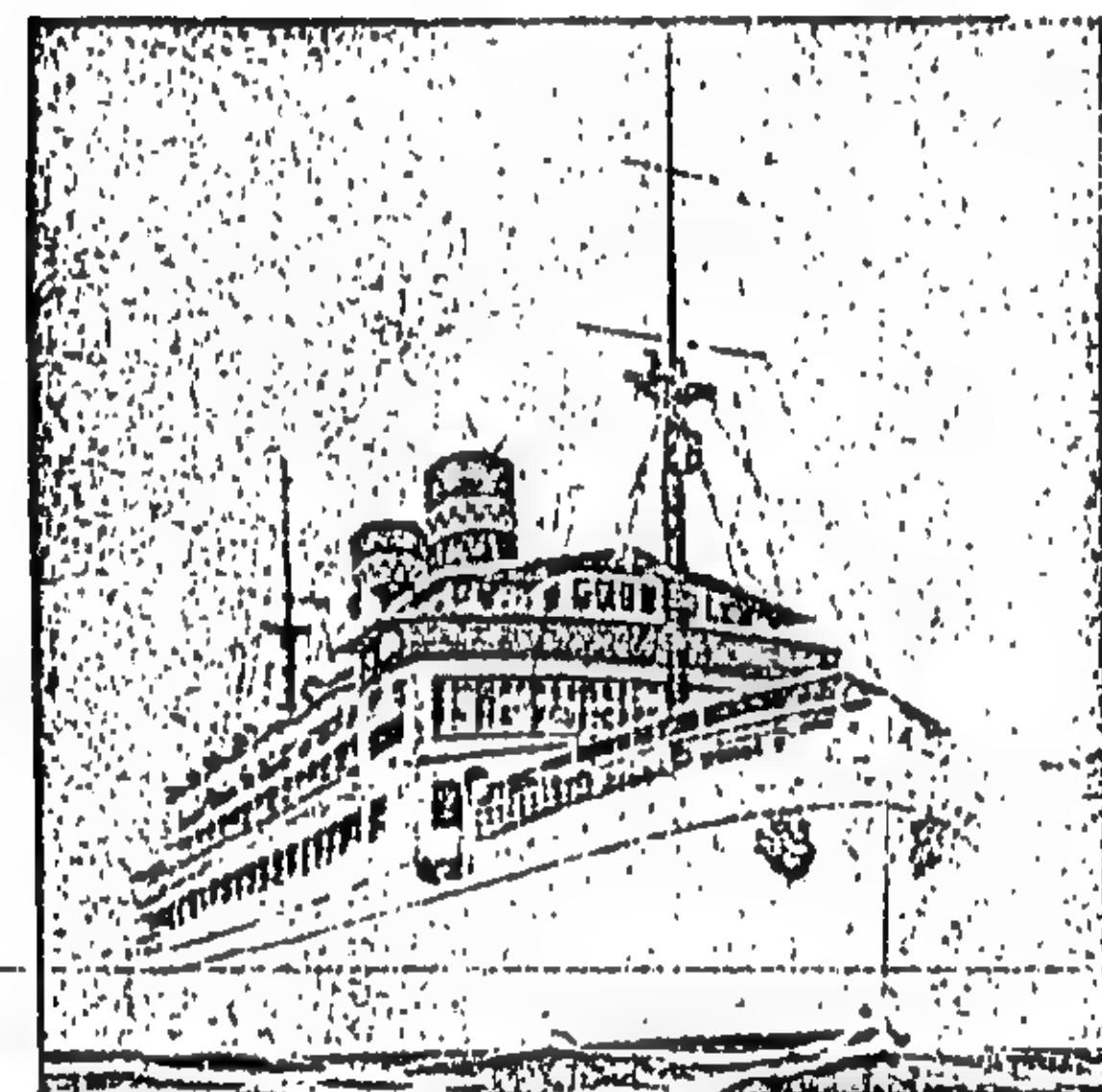
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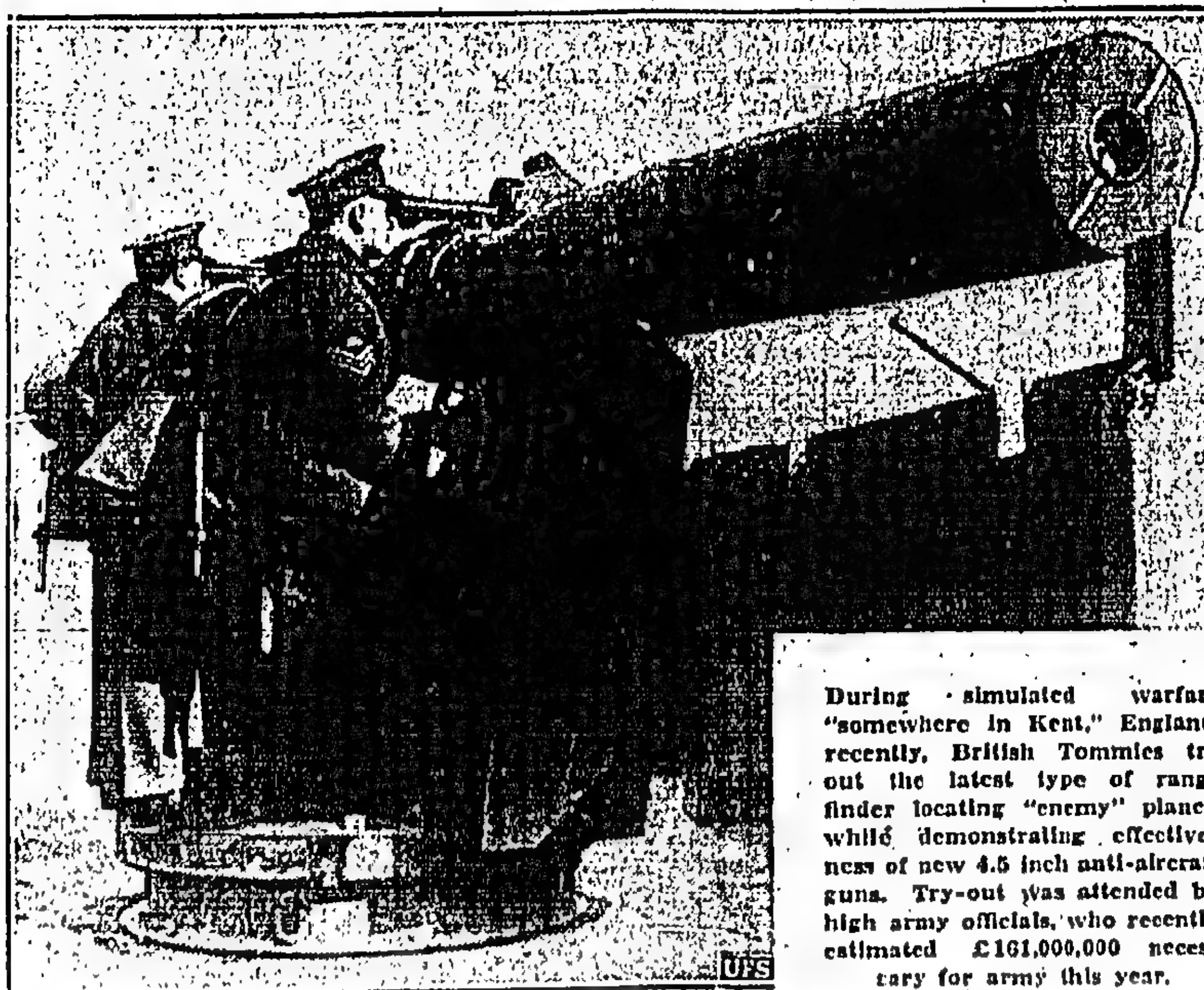
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This is the English actress Vivien Leigh (pronounced Lee) portraying the role of Scarlett O'Hara in the movie version of "Gone With the Wind." The long-delayed picture is now in process of filming in Hollywood.



Miss Eve Curie, attractive daughter and biographer of the discoverer of radium, arriving in New York. She said she had come to take a "real look" at America.



Enjoying a holiday in Grindelwald, Switzerland, Crown Princess Juliana of The Netherlands makes little Princess Beatrix comfortable before starting out for a walk with a St. Bernard to help.



With the threat of war ever present in Europe, Paris begins digging on the site of the old fortifications which encircled the city for a ring of bombproof shelters accommodating 80,000. Shelters will be covered with concrete and camouflaged as gardens.

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POLICE RECEIVE MEDALS

GOVERNOR REVIEWS THEIR WORK IN THE PAST YEAR

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, yesterday afternoon presented medals to the Hongkong Police and members of the District Watch Force, at a ceremony at Police Headquarters.

Later the Governor reviewed the work of the local police over the year, paying tribute in many cases, and later speaking frankly on other aspects of the police activities.

A number of the medals were awarded in connection with work at the New Territories border consequent to Sino-Japanese hostilities.

H.E. the Governor said: Commissioned Police Officers and men of the Hongkong Police Force. It is a great pleasure to me to be among you again to-day and to present the medals which you have seen, to members of the Hongkong Police and of the District Watch Force. I especially congratulate Sergeant Roberts on the courageous act which has earned for him the award of the Hongkong Police Silver Medal.

Sergeant Roberts has the distinction of being the last police officer to be awarded the Hongkong Police Silver Medal, as His Majesty the King has recently instituted a Colonial Police Medal which will, in future, be awarded to members of all Colonial Police Forces in recognition of gallantry or meritorious service. Secondly, I offer my warmest congratulations to all those members of the Police Force who have earned the Colonial Police Long Service Medals which I have presented to-day. The grant of this medal is a recognition of the long, faithful and efficient service of these officers.

Lastly, I congratulate heartily these members of the District Watch Force who have received medals to-day, and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the good services rendered to the Colony by the District Watch Force, which is supported entirely by subscriptions raised from amongst Chinese residents in the Colony.

Difficult Year

I am well aware that 1938 was a difficult year for the Hongkong Police Force, but I am also glad to know that the Force, as a whole, has responded cheerfully and efficiently to all the demands made upon it. In the urban areas the serious overcrowding due to refugees from China greatly added to their burdens, and that state of affairs is still unabated, I regret to say.

In the border areas many police behaved with conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in dangerous and difficult circumstances when Japanese troops were active along our land frontier in November last. I am very glad to see on parade here these officers who have been commended by me for their work on that occasion. This year has seen other acts of high courage and cool sense on the part of police officers. I mention no names to-day, but I hope that on some future occasion I shall be privileged to present appropriate tokens of Royal recognition of those fine services.

Misdemeanours

It has given me much pleasure to pay these deserved compliments, but what I have to add to them is far from doing so. The discovered misdemeanours of a few members of the Hongkong Police have given rise to public criticism of the Force generally on the grounds of graft and bribery. I want to be quite frank with you in this matter, and I regret very much to have to say that the leading articles in the two English morning papers only repeated what I have heard said by several reputable citizens since I came to this Colony.

I do not wish to give the impression that I believe, or that any reasonable person believes, that these despicable forms of crime prevail universally or even generally throughout all the ranks of the Force. I am quite confident that they do not. On the other hand I am very deeply disturbed by the suspicion that their extent is wider than it should be even in such a cosmopolitan seaport as Hongkong.

Officers and men of the Police, you yourselves know better than any others how much truth there is in what is being so commonly said of you. You, and you alone, are in a position to root out this evil and to prevent its re-growth. I rely upon you to do so and to clear the good name of the Force.

I have no more to say to-day, on that or any other subject. With all my heart I wish you well. I know something of the great difficulties among which you are carrying out your duties, and I honour you for the intelligence and the hard work and long hours which you put into their execution. I wish you all good luck during 1939.

Medals Presented

The following is the list of awards: Awards made by H.E. the Governor:

Hongkong Police Silver Medal for zealous efficiency and fine courage in rescuing a Chinese woman from a burning cargo junk laden with gasoline, lying alongside the A.P.C. wharf at North Point on June 15, 1938.—Lance Sergeant A209 F Roberts.

Colonial Police Long Service Medal "A" Contingent.—Inspectors A. V. Baker, A. L. Hopkins, S. Shepherd, E. G. Post, Sub-Inspector H. C. Hallam.

First Bar to the Colonial Long Service Medal, "A" Contingent.—Lance Sergeant B 112 Zaman Ali.

Colonial Police Long Service Medal.—Sergeant Major Banta Singh, Police Sergeants D17 Nathay Khan, B307 Kapoor Singh, B441 Gulam Mohamed, B370 Khushi Mohamed, Police Constable B438 Atta Mohamed.

First Bar to the Colonial Long Service Medal, "C" Contingent.—Police Sergeant C125 Lam Kwun.

Colonial Long Service Medal, Police Sergeant C358 Chanu Pui, C203 Tsai Yee, Lance Sergeants, C88 Pang Chi, C152 Kwok Kam, C88 Chan Pui, C519 Chu Wo, C503 Wong Kam Ling, Police Constables, C528 Chan On, C76 Tang Yu, C541 Chan Kiu.

District Watchmen

District Watch Medals for 1938: Head District Watchman Tsui Hin, First Class D. W. Medal for long and faithful service. He joined the District Watch Force on August 19, 1910.

Detective D.W. 115 Chau Kwong, Second Class D.W. Medal for excellent work during his period of service from September 20, 1931. During 1938, he obtained 43 cases, 28 of which were cases of "larceny from the person."

Detective D.W. 18 Chan Yat, Second Class D.W. Medal for long and faithful service. He joined the District Watch Force on August 9, 1920, and for the last five years has been attached to the Po Leung Kuek.

D.W. Tong Kwai, Third Class D.W. Medal for long and faithful service. He joined the District Watch Force on October 26, 1914. During his long period of service he has had only three minor reports against him.

D.W. 70 Tang Wu, Third Class D.W. Medal for long and faithful service. He joined the District Watch Force on September 16, 1910, and during this long period his character has been very good.

Commendations

For courage and devotion to duty on December 2, 1938, when he attempted to close with a Chinese male armed with a pistol, and sustained a gunshot wound in consequence.—Lance Sergeant H. R. Terrett.

For zeal and devotion to duty during the Sino-Japanese incident on the Frontier on November 20, 1938.—Lance Sergeant A. E. C. Wheeler, C. S. Pile, G. Davies, H. Goldie, A. A. Shaw, V. M. Morrison, F. L. Willison; Police Sergeant B441 Gulam Mohamed, Lance Sergeants B332 Basant Singh, B2 Sornia Singh, Police Constables B558 Nabl Bux, B763 Chau Singh, B400 Nardial Singh, B201 Bahadur Singh; Sub-Inspectors Hui Hing, Chung, Ho Sau Yick; Police Constables Wong Yau, Kong Hing.

Three Chinese officers are also commended for courage and devotion to duty on October 20, 1938. These officers at great personal risk conducted a careful and successful search for a dangerous gang of armed robbers knowing that the robbers might shoot on sight. This gang had earlier in the day attempted to hold up and rob a motor van which was conveying the monthly payroll of the Lin Ma Hang Mine from Kowloon to the Mine. At the November, 1938, Criminal Sessions three mullies of attempted murder and sentenced to 10 years hard labour each.—Lance Sergeant Chu Wo, Police Constable Tang Ka, and Police Constable Chan Chi.

AIRMAN'S DEATH

Inquest Adjourned After Further Evidence

Evidence regarding the post-mortem performed on the deceased was given by Dr. B. Alvarez, at the resumed inquest into the death of Wong Hon-man, 20, a captain in the Chinese Air Force, who died following an operation at the Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital, Happy Valley, on March 20, held before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (sitting as Coroner), at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The operation was performed by Dr. Phoon Seck-wah, assisted by Dr. E. W. J. Sun, and the other anaesthetic was administered by a Dr. Au Yeung, said to be a surgeon attached to the Chinese Air Force, who was a patient in the Hospital at the time. Evidence given before the inquiry revealed that Dr. Au Yeung was not registered in Hongkong.

Mr. George She, instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo, watched the proceedings on behalf of the Hospital; Mr. P. H. Sin held a watching brief on behalf of Dr. Phoon, and Mr. D. L. Strellett was present for the Chinese Commission for Aeronautical Affairs. Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Durkin appeared for the Police.

On resumption of the inquiry yesterday, Dr. Phoon, who had given evidence of the operation he had performed, at the last hearing, was questioned by Mr. Sin.

Dr. Phoon agreed that at an operation doctors worked together as a team, each member of which had a separate function to perform. The anaesthetist, in the case under consideration, had his own work to do, namely to watch the patient's pulse, his general condition and respiration. Witness' work in the operation, as chief surgeon, was to concentrate on the operation itself, and he had nothing to do with the administration of the anaesthetic.

Doctor's Evidence

Dr. Alvarez said that the body of the deceased was well nourished and developed. Witness performed the post-mortem on March 23, and noticed a strong smell of ether in the bladder and organs. There was a surgical wound in the left shoulder. After describing the wound and condition of the body, witness said that in his opinion, the cause of death was ether anaesthesia. He did not think the operation was enough to cause shock, though shock might have been a secondary factor. Witness could not tell how much ether had been administered. He found nothing in the deceased's condition which would have made ether anaesthesia especially dangerous in this case.

Reply to Mr. She, witness agreed that no doctor would risk lessening anaesthesia to such an extent that there was a possibility of the patient awakening while still on the operating table.

To Mr. Sin, witness said he found nothing wrong with the operation. It might have been a delicate operation, but it was not a hard one. The time taken, about one and a quarter hours, was neither a long nor short time for the operation. Death from anaesthesia was not unknown.

Sub-Inspector Durkin said that on or about March 23, he tried to find the whereabouts of Dr. Au Yeung, and was informed that he lived in Wanchai. Witness eventually discovered he lived at a house in Wanchai, but on enquiry there was informed by the tenants that Dr. Au Yeung had gone to Macao. Witness had since tried to find Dr. Au Yeung, but up to yesterday the doctor had not returned. No one in the house admitted knowing when he will return.

The Coroner remarked that there had been no proof of identification of the body of the deceased, and he proposed calling the doctor before whom the identification was made.

The inquiry was adjourned sine die.

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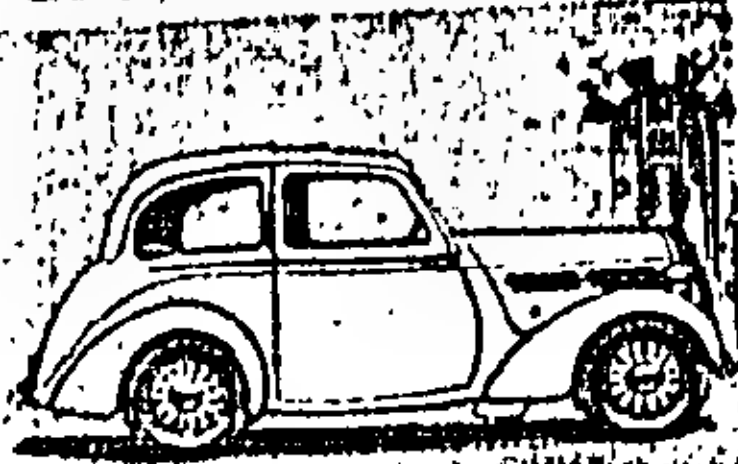
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KING GEORGE RETURNS TO LONDON FOR AUDIENCE WITH CHAMBERLAIN: VITAL STATEMENT TO-NIGHT

BRITISH WARSHIPS MASS NEAR GREECE AS PARLT. MEETS

LONDON, APR. 11.
UNDER STRICT ORDERS TO DOMINATE
STRATEGIC POINTS, THE BRITISH AND
FRENCH FLEETS ARE REPORTED TO BE
MASSING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

His Majesty the King has returned to London
from Windsor Castle, and the Prime Minister has
given His Majesty a full report on international
developments and Britain's defence preparations.

It will be recalled that in September last
year, the King returned to London specially to
sign the fleet mobilisation orders.

STATEMENT TO-NIGHT

British and French war-
ships are reported to be
massing off the entrance to
the Adriatic Sea while Mr.
Chamberlain is seeking a
last minute deal with Mus-
solini.

Mr. Chamberlain is reported
to be seeking an arrangement
whereby Italy's occupation of
Albania would be accepted if
Italy firstly, gives firm assu-
rances against an attack on
Greece and, secondly, promises to
immediately begin withdrawing
Italian troops from Spain.

It is believed that if an agree-
ment with Mussolini proves im-
possible, Mr. Chamberlain will
announce in the House of Commons
at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday (10.45
a.m. H.K.T.) that the British Gov-
ernment is prepared to enter into
full defensive alliances with Greece
and Turkey.

It is also forecast that the Govern-
ment will denounce the British-
Italian friendship pact, which pro-
vides for the maintenance of the
status quo in the Mediterranean.
The Admiralty has refused to
divulge any information regarding
fleet movements.—United Press.

Warships Off Greece

SKOLJE, Apr. 11.—Reliable re-
ports from Greece say that several
British warships are lying in the
harbour at Argostolion and at
Astakos.—United Press.

Audience With King

London, Apr. 11.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain had an
audience with the King at Bucking-
ham Palace to-day. It lasted 80
minutes.

The Prime Minister returned to
Downing Street about 8.20 p.m. and
was cheered by big crowds.
The King returned immediately to
Windsor.

It is understood that the sole
reason of the King's visit to London
was to learn first-hand of the inter-
national development, and at the
same time to save the Premier
travelling to Windsor.

It is stated that the House of
Lords will meet at 3 p.m. on Thurs-
day, when Viscount Halifax will make
a statement in reply to a question by
Lord Snell, inviting a statement on
the international situation, with
particular reference to the Mediter-
ranean area.

The House of Commons will meet
at 3.45 p.m. (10.45 p.m. H.K.T.).
—Reuter.

French Fleet Sails

Marseilles, Apr. 11.—The French
Mediterranean Fleet left
Toulon to-day on an assignment in
the Mediterranean in connection with
the Cabinet's precautionary measures.
No details of the fleet's movements
have been divulged.—United Press.

Italians Near Greek Border

Athens, Apr. 11.—Italian troops have reached Dilliste,
the last southern Albanian commu-
nity almost on the Greek frontier.
Three Blackshirt battalions, namely
the 40th, from Verona, the 76th, from
Coppo and the 92th, from Florence
have landed at Velona and occupied
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KING AND QUEEN MAY TRAVEL TO CANADA AND AMERICA IN EMPRESS LINER

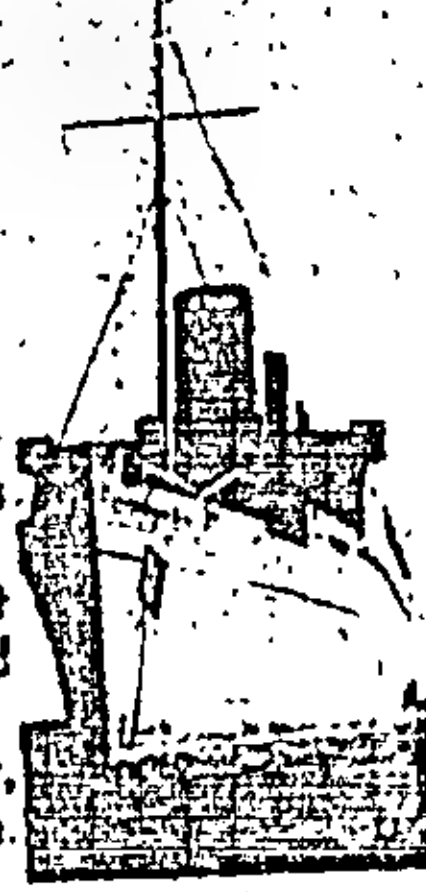
LONDON, APR. 11.
The British Government is reported to be
considering a change in the travelling plans for
the King and Queen.

They will probably cross the Atlantic on their
Canadian tour in the Empress of Britain instead
of H.M.S. Repulse.

The Empress of Britain, which was in Hong-
kong last month on a round-the-world cruise, is
due in New York next month.

The tension in the Mediterranean makes it
appear possible that the Repulse will be required
on the spot, despite her age of 23 years.

H.M.S. Repulse is at present at Gibraltar,
"shaking down" preparatory to the Royal voyage.
—United Press.



PRO-GERMAN LEADERS INTERNED

Bulgaria Cleans Up Subversive Nazis

SOFIA, Apr. 11.

THE MINISTER of the Interior has dissolved the
Bulgarian National-Socialist Party, which was rapidly
growing, with branches throughout the country, and
which is supported by Germany.

A police communiqué states
that although the organisation
was forbidden by law, the au-
thorities allowed it to continue
during recent months on the
grounds that it was patriotic.
The communiqué continues that
the police found that the Party was at-
tempting to change the regime, and to
install another form of Government.
It was necessary, therefore, to take
drastic measures.

The leader of the Party, Professor
Khanchev, has been interned.

News of the dissolution was re-
ceived with satisfaction by the
general population.—Reuter
Special.

CIVILIAN EXPELS JAPANESE

Bitter Fighting As Namtau Burned

CHINESE SOURCES this
morning claimed that the Japane-
se landing near Namtau became
a rout with the sudden appear-
ance of the Chinese Fourth
Guerrilla Corps.

The Japanese forces, which landed
on mechanised units and were not
assisted by planes, were completely
overwhelmed.

After four hours fighting they were
forced to retire to their boats, leaving
one officer and ten men dead, and
24 wounded. The latter were cap-
tured by the Chinese and are now
imprisoned in Namtau.

In addition, the sudden appear-
ance of the large Chinese force
completely cut off a garrison of
fifty Japanese who were left in
Chewan while the main body at-
tempted to push on towards the
railway.

These Japanese are now completely
isolated.

New Landing?

Chinese believe that the Japanese
who retired to their ships yesterday
will attempt to land again to-day in
order to rescue the men marooned in
Chewan.

Namtau has been re-possessed by
the Chinese.

The city, however, is a sorry sight.
Its main street has been burnt out
and fires are still smouldering.
Among the buildings destroyed by
the Japanese was the Namtau Middle
School, the only building of its kind
in the coastal town.

The Chinese resistance was led
by the civilian Magistrate of the
Fo On district, Mr. Liang Pao-jen.

Japanese Doomed

He was appointed by the village
elders in defiance of a Japanese edict
on both sides are probably higher.

Hungarians Quit League

BUDEPEST, Apr. 11.
HUNGARY HAS withdrawn
from the League of Na-
tions.

Count Csaky informed the
Secretary-General, M. Avenol,
of this decision in the follow-
ing telegram:

"I have the honour to in-
form you, on behalf of the
Hungarian Government, that,
conformably with Article 1,
Para. 3 of the League Coven-
ant, Hungary herewith an-
nounces her resignation from
the League.

"I should also like to state
on this occasion that the Hun-
garian Government intends to
continue its co-operation with
the League in technical fields,
and to participate further in
the work of the Permanent
International Tribunal, as well
as the International Labour
Office."—Trans-Ocean.

Kaifeng Puppet Massacre

Assassins Kill Six Leaders

PEIPING, Apr. 11.
SIX POLITICAL leaders
of the new Provisional
Government and members
of the Peiping Committee
of Pacification, were killed
in Kaifeng, capital of the
province of Honan on
Easter Sunday, when un-
known assailants invaded
a meeting of the committee
and shot all six members.

The seventh member escaped
death owing to his absence from
the meeting.

Japanese claim that the assassins
were Chinese, who had managed to
slip into the ranks of the Japanese
troops in Kaifeng.

None of them had been apprehend-
ed this evening.

Those murdered included the
chairman of the committee, General
Hu Yun-kun, and a former high
officer in the Manchurian army,
General F. Chang-yang.

The Committee of Pacification was
formed at the beginning of this year
for the purpose of looking after
Chinese soldiers who had decided to
join the ranks of the new North-
China Government.—Trans-Ocean.

Charity Ball For Relief

A Fancy Dress Charity Ball will be
held at the Grill Room of the Hong-
kong Hotel on April 21, under the
auspices of the Hongkong Branch
of the National Women's Relief
Association.

Prizes will be awarded for the best
and most original costumes.

Among the many artistes who will
take part in the cabaret items will
be Mr. Hugh Chen, popular tap-dancer,
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Li who will give
a demonstration of the Spanish Tango
and Viennese Waltz and a chorus of
Hongkong Chinese society ladies.
All proceeds from the Ball will be
devoted to relief work.

British Envoy To Burgos

Burgos, Apr. 11.
The new British Ambassador to
Spain, Sir Maurice Petersen, pre-
sented his credentials to General Franco
to-day, who drove with the British
Ambassador through the streets of
the city which were lined with troops.

Sir Maurice Petersen said that he
was not a stranger to Spain, but he
came back to a new administration.
He added that he would contribute to
the best of his power to the good
relations of the two countries.—
Reuter.

The P. and O. liner Corfu left
Shanghai yesterday and is due here
to-morrow at about 3 p.m.

FEVERISH BALKAN ACTIVITY

IL DUCE CALLS MORE RESERVES TO THE COLOURS

ROME, Apr. 11.

AN OFFICIAL communiqué states that the
full classes of 1901 and 1912 have been called to
the colours.

The full classes of the 1917 and part of 1918 and 1919
are also under the colours.

It has been learned from an
official source that no further
classes will be called unless "the
political situation worsens."

More than one million men are
now under arms.—United Press.

Million Under Arms

ROME, Apr. 11.
It is estimated, on the basis of
an official communiqué issued to-
night, that Italy has now over
1,000,000 men under arms.

The communiqué confirms that
more reserves have been called up
but states that no other classes will
be called up unless exceptional
circumstances occur.—Reuter
Special.

Poland Mobilises

WARSAW, Apr. 11.
RESERVISTS belonging to six
classes from 1912 to 1917 are being
called to the colours to-day.

The men concerned are listed as
unit for normal military service.
They are called up annually for
auxiliary service, but usually not
before the autumn.—Reuter Special.

Russian Attitude

The British Foreign Secretary was
in conference with the Soviet Am-
bassador in London to-day regarding
the Russian attitude towards the
latest developments.

A High British official stated that
arrangements have been completed
by which Turkey will attack
Bulgaria if Bulgaria, with or with-
out Italian aid, invades Rumania or
Greece.

It is estimated that the French
Cabinet has called 400,000 men to the
colours, in addition to the normal
650,000 armed forces.—United Press.

Bulgarian Position

SOFIA, Apr. 11.
It is reported that Greece in Britain
is making a last minute attempt to
align Bulgaria with the Balkan bloc
opposed to the German-Italian Axis.
According to diplomatic circles,
the first overtures have met with
little, if any, success.—United Press.

Dutch Precautions

The Hague, Apr. 11.
The Prime Minister of the Nether-
lands in a radio broadcast to-day
announced that the Netherlands
army and Dutch colonies to-day
were on full alert, and that the Gov-
ernment had called up further
battalions for frontier defence.

"Nobody must see in this measure
an indication that the Government
fears a direct attack on Holland," he
said.

"It is simply a precaution in view
of the general tension in Europe,
which might lead to a sudden out-
break of hostilities, in which case
Holland must show not only in words
but in deeds, its firm determination
to defend its independence and main-
tain neutrality under all circum-
stances and in all directions.

"Our relations with all Powers are
good."—United Press.

Jugo-Slavia's Course

Belgrade, Apr. 11.
The belief is expressed in authori-
tative circles that Jugo-Slavia's
course will follow whatever lead
England and France give.

It is believed that the Jugo-Slavs
feel the helplessness of their
geographic position and are not in-
clined to assert themselves without
British and French support.

Meanwhile 700 Albanians here
have volunteered to fight the Italians,
although many of them are fugitives
from the Zog regime.

"Although we opposed him, we put
ourselves at the disposal of Zog's
government in order to fight the
Japanese."—United Press.

(Continued on Page 4.)

ITALIANS SENT TO SPAIN

Gibraltar Guards In War Kit

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 11.

A VERY reliable source
here reports that a further
contingent of Italians dressed
as civilians arrived at
Cadiz on Saturday.

The majority of the new-
comers are being quartered at
Jerez de la Frontera and San
Fernando.

According to Seville sources the
Spaniards are now viewing the influx
of Italians with discontent.

Meanwhile, the British guards on
the Spanish frontier are patrolling
the border in full war kit, following
heavy reinforcements of the guards
on the Spanish side.—United Press.

Spanish Moroccan Fortifications

Paris, Apr. 11.
The French Government has re-
ceived reports of Spanish Morocco
being heavily fortified along the
frontier facing French Morocco.

Meanwhile the French Cabinet has
discussed steps to be taken, which
will concern Britain, if Spain co-
operates in any move by the Axis
endangering the democracies in-
terests in the Mediterranean.
The Cabinet also reviewed the
military situation and decided that
the French position is favourable.
—United Press.

Italy's Broken Pact

Paris, Apr. 11.
It is reported in political circles
that Marshal Petain, the French Am-
bassador to Spain, who conferred
with M. Bonnet and M. Daladier to-
day, wished Italy to withdraw her
troops from Spain; secondly, Spain's
adherence to the anti-Comintern
Pact; thirdly, the slowness of the
Spanish Government in receiving
back refugees from France.

M. Bonnet also saw the Soviet Am-
bassador, M. Suritz, while M.
bassador received the United States
Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt, and
the Secretary-General of the Ruman-
ian Foreign Ministry, M. Cristiano.—
Reuter.

LATEST

AIR RAID NEAR H.K. FRONTIER

Japanese planes severely bombed
Pingyu, a town ten miles north of
Shum Chun, this morning according
to information received by the "Tele-
graph" at 12.15 p.m.

The bombed town is about a quar-
ter of a mile from the Kowloon-
Canton Railway, just north of Lilien.
One of the raiders subsequently
came down towards Shum Chun
without, however, making any effort
to bomb the city.

As a precautionary measure, the
Shum Chun hospital was evacuated,
the patients and staff being brought
across the frontier into British terri-
tory. They subsequently returned.

The situation is quiet along the
frontier and, as yet, the Japanese
have not attempted to make another
landing.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

AVALANCHE HORROR: 22 CHILDREN BURIED

BERNE, Apr. 11.—Children in a boarding school were over-
whelmed by an avalanche near here to-day.

Five bodies have been recovered, and 17 are understood to be
entombed.

Rescue parties worked ceaselessly, but there is no hope of
bringing out alive those who are buried.—Reuter.



QUEEN GERALDINE

Albanian Queen Stricken

Fears For Life Of Zog's Wife

ATHENS, Apr. 12.
QUEEN GERALDINE
of Albania, who was forced
to flee from Tirana three
days after giving birth to
King Zog's heir, is reported
to be in a serious condition.

She is suffering from puer-
peral fever.

When the Italians suddenly
invaded Albania, the beautiful
Queen whose photograph is
reproduced above was forced to flee
over tortuous mountain paths.

She was so weak when she crossed
the frontier that she had to be car-
ried to her hotel on a stretcher.

A leading gynecologist was rush-
ed to her bedside this morning.

Later she became worse and has
been removed to hospital at Larissa.

Queen Geraldine was married to
King Zog a little over a year ago.
She was the Countess Geraldine
Apponyi and is of American descent.
She is the daughter of Gladys
Stewart, once of New York, and a
Hungarian count.—United Press.

To Settle In Turkey

Istanbul, Apr. 11.
King Zog of Albania intends to
settle in Turkey, according to press
reports.

In this connection it is recalled that
King Zog received his school educa-
tion and part of his military training
in Turkey.—Trans-Ocean.

EMPIRE NEWS

CANADA'S ROLE IN A BRITISH WAR

Ottawa.
The "Ottawa Journal" comments on the bill debated in Parliament recently giving Canada the right to neutrality in a war in which Britain is engaged.

"We doubt whether people who believe in such a measure realise what it would mean. If they did they would understand the absurdity and madness of such a proposition. Actually neutrality would involve and must involve Canada's absolute separation from the British Empire. There could be no other neutrality—none other than any combatant against Britain would recognise.

"But let there be no mistake about this. No British war is going to find this country neutral. The contrary is written in the hearts of the overwhelming majority of our people, and no bill introduced in Parliament, and no decision taken by any Government in this country can alter or affect that reality."

NEW ZEALAND

ASSURANCE TO MANUFACTURERS

Auckland.

Mr. Sullivan, the Minister for Commerce, in a statement on import control, implies that restriction of imports will be permanent in the case of goods competing with New Zealand industries.

Manufacturers are promised continued safeguards, justifying large industrial expansion.

AUSTRALIA

OVERLAPPING OF AIR ROUTES

Sydney.

An inter-departmental Federal committee is considering the complete reorganisation of the secondary commercial air routes in Australia to eliminate overlapping and to stabilise air transport.

Surprise has been expressed at the proposal to consider new contracts for the distribution internally of overseas air mail before a definite announcement has been made about the control of civil aviation as a whole.

SOUTH AFRICA

ILLEGAL RADIO IN S.W. AFRICA

Cape Town.

In the Assembly recently, Mr. Pirow, Minister of Defence, said that a newspaper report of a secret German radio station operating in South-West Africa had not been brought to his notice.

It is understood, however, that at least one illegal radio station in South-West Africa has been sending messages to German and Italian ships. This station has not yet been located.

RONALD FRANKAU. (The Ace of Humourists) on PARLOPHONE RECORDS

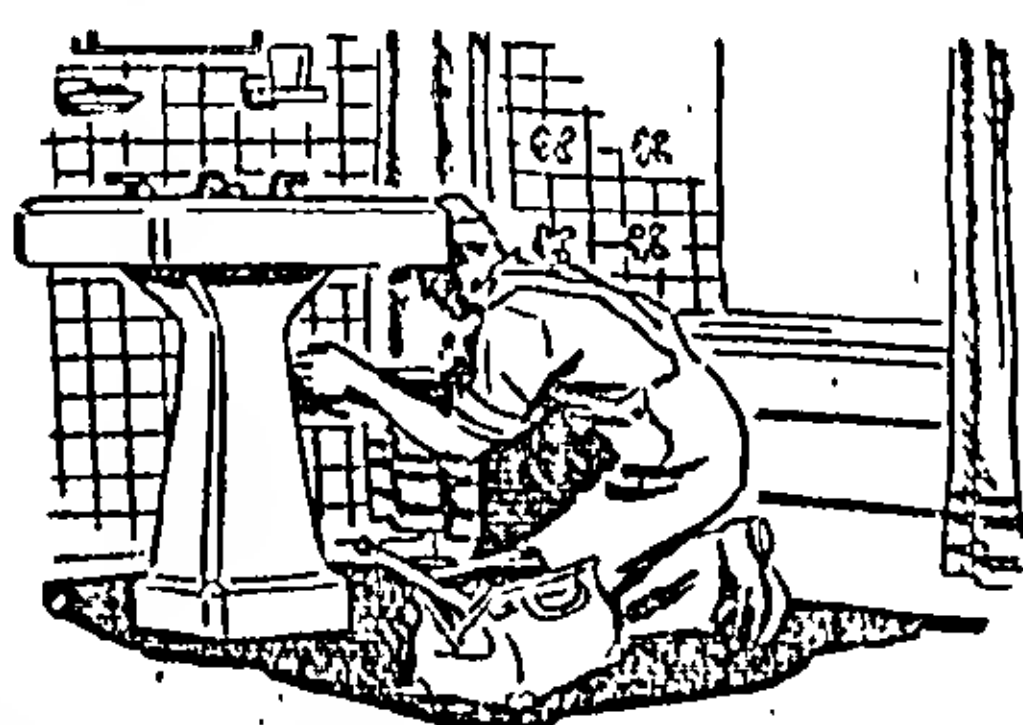
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- R 2190. It's Getting Harder To Discover.
- R 2158. And So To Bed.
- R 2158. You Make My Wheels Go Round.
- R 2138. I Hate Vice.
- R 2138. I'd Rather Be A Savage.
- R 2106. I Couldn't Make To The Girl of To-day.
- R 2106. Navy and The Army & The P'lice.
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- R 2003. I'm Terribly Terribly British.

Chinese Nights.

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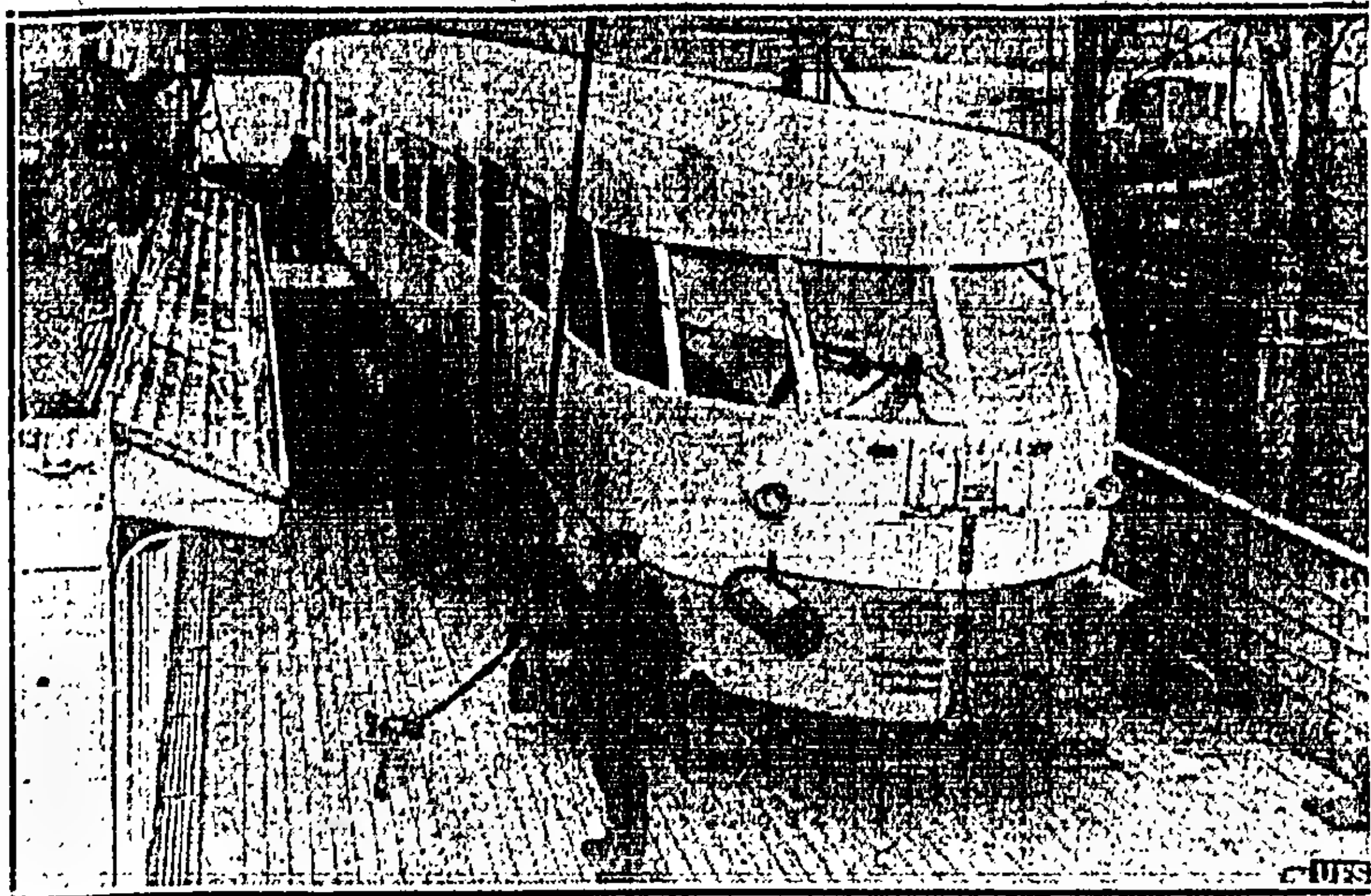


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American commuters who attend the New York World's Fair will see how commuters in the ancient city of Rome ride. This is the streamlined "Littorina," a powered car used in commuter service in Italy, being unloaded in New York from the Italian liner Rex. The car is said to attain a speed of 85 miles an hour.

Mercy For Chemist Struck Off The Roll Colleagues Save His Career

MERCY from his professional colleagues was promised recently to a prisoner from Wakefield Jail who appeared, under escort, before the statutory committee of the Pharmaceutical Society.

He was told that though the registrar of the society would be directed to remove his name—Gilbert Harry Goodwin—from the register, he could hope for reinstatement when he was released from jail.

Goodwin, who is 49, had a sub-post office in his chemist's shop at Spondon, near Derby.

He appeared before the society's committee in London recently to answer a charge that he was convicted of such criminal offences as might render him unfit to be on the register.

FALSE ENTRIES

It was stated that he pleaded guilty last November to fraudulently converting £1,041 received by him on behalf of the Postmaster-General, and to making false entries in the accounts.

He was sentenced to nine months' jail.

In a letter to the society, Goodwin mentioned four facts which, he said, had led him to commit the offence.

In 1931 his seven-year-old son was killed in dreadful circumstances, and his wife became ill in consequence. Then in 1930 his premises were destroyed by fire and he lost everything. Shortly before Christmas, 1936, his mother died, and two weeks later his father died.

YEARS OF TOIL

Goodwin denied in evidence that he had lived extravagantly. In 17 years he had never had a week's holiday, and in five years he went away for two periods of four days.

He submitted that if he were struck off the register he would not be able to get a living after his release.

Sir Emily Blackwell, chairman of the committee, said that the decision to remove Goodwin's name from the register should not be taken as a further punishment for offence.

The committee, he added, had gone fully into the circumstances and would be prepared to consider an application from him for reinstatement in July, after he had come out of prison.

Goodwin: May I hope that I shall meet with success?

Sir Emily Blackwell: Yes.

Tibet Trip Aim Of Panda Finder

Mrs. Ruth Harkness, first person to catch a panda alive, wants to visit Lhasa, the "forbidden" holy city of Tibet.

"Why do I want to go there," she said. "Well, I think Tibet is probably the most fascinating country left in the world and I am very fond of the Mongol and Chinese people. Mrs. Harkness sailed for New York recently to meet a woman friend.

"I shan't be able to start the journey before next year," Mrs. Harkness said.

"There is a great deal of preparation to do for such a journey. The woman with whom I would make the journey has friends with whose help she hopes to get permission for us and until that permission is obtained it is all in the air."

DON'T WANT FOREIGNERS
"It is a very serious matter, this getting permission. They have never been keen on admitting foreigners. So far as I know only two white women have ever visited Lhasa and one of them was disguised as a Tibetan woman."

Mrs. Harkness found her panda in a part of the country on the China-Tibet border.

"They are only to be found in this particular part," she said.

Yorkshire Girls' Search For Glamour Failed

TWO 15-year-old girls who ran away from their homes in Hull to find Glamour in London, and could not even find Yorkshire Pudding, returned recently disillusioned.

Fed up with steam and other people's dirty linen in the local laundry where they worked, Phyllis Jagger, of Norton-grove, and Elizabeth Priestley, of Seaton-grove, went to the cinema.

There they saw "Goldwyn Follies," and the Glamour of the Big City. Next day they ran away to London—with £20 between them.

And, as £20 is not enough to launch two potential film stars, Elizabeth's parents, after three weeks of anxiety received a letter from a baroness who wanted testimonials before employing the two girls as servants.

DULL LONDON

Mr. and Mrs. Priestley caught the next train to London, brought Elizabeth and Phyllis back with them. "London is not what I thought it was," Phyllis said. "All the glamour you see on the films is nothing when you get to London and try to find it."

"After you have seen the sights London is dull. There is nothing to do in the evenings, and nowhere to go—except to the pictures, and you can do that in your own town."

"We found this in the Charing Cross district for two guineas a week for the two of us. We spent the first week sight-seeing and wore out our shoes walking round the streets. One day we got lost on the Underground for six hours."

"We tried to get into the hospitals as nurses, but we were too young."

HOUSEMAID JOB

"I had offers of three jobs, but favoured a job with the baroness at Virginia Water. I was to be housemaid, Betty was to be a kitchen-maid, but the baroness wrote for a reference and, of course, that meant we were found."

"We were not sorry, for London is not a nice place if you are alone and haven't much money."

"The hardest thing for us to find was Yorkshire pudding. We asked for it in all sorts of cafes, but they couldn't give it to us like mother makes it."

"I shall never run away again. It has been a wonderful experience, but Betty thinks the same as I do—never again."

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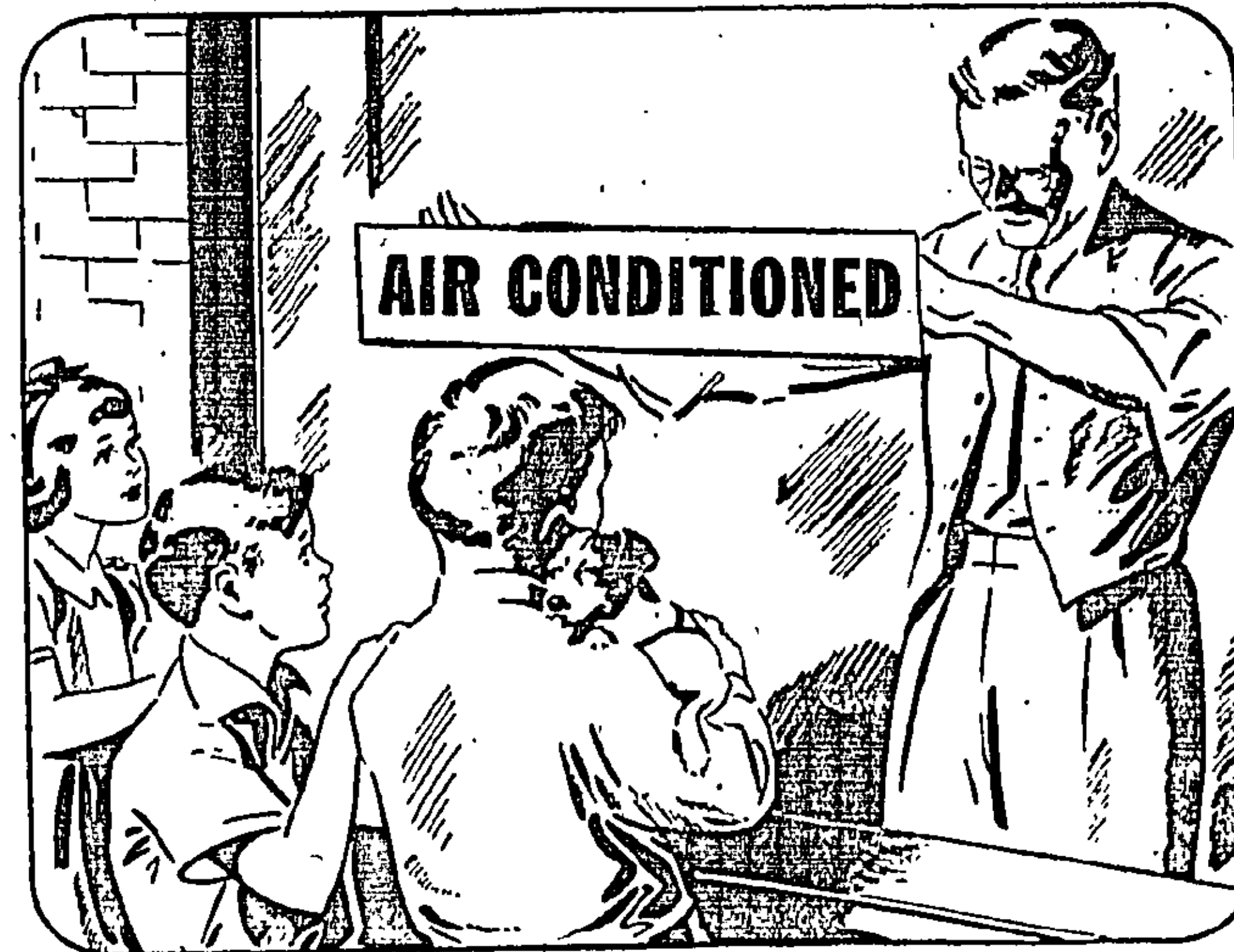
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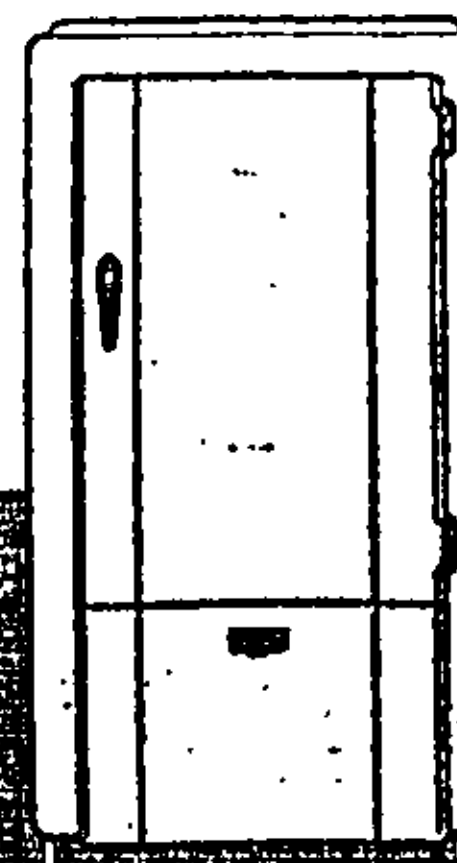
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Social Items

The students of the Music Department of Maryknoll Convent School will be heard in a Pianoforte Recital on Wednesday, April 12, at 5.30 p.m. These students are prepared for the Trinity College of Music Examinations.

St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship will meet to-morrow at 2.45 p.m. for long games afternoon, proceeds of which will be given to the Charity Fund.

Louis Frear (Mrs. Charles Shepherd), star comedienne of the Naughty Nineties, died in a Bayswater flat on March 23 unknown, aged 67. She was buried at Brookwood, Surrey, on March 24. Her greatest hit was as Fifi in "A Chinese Honeycomb" at the Old Strand Theatre. The play ran for two weeks.

On March 18, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, the wedding took place of Dorothy Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lavington of Shanghai, to John Gordon Frederick, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. E. Shutter, of Shanghai.

Miss Ruby Baugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville R. Baugh of Manila, exchanged marriage vows with Jose Valdes, son of Dona Rita Legarda Valdes de Valdes, recently in the San Sebastian church.

Several hundred prominent representatives of Manila cosmopolitan society attended the impressive nuptial mass in the Lourdes Church recently to witness the marriage of Miss Matilda Gonzalez La O, attractive and popular member of the Spanish community, to James Eugene Norton, well-known member of the American community.

TOKYO, Apr. 12.—The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, arrived from Shanghai at 9 o'clock last night.—Domet.

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The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. Y. TANG,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Banks Ltd. 1.375 s.
Chartered Bank 82 1/2 s.
H.K. & N. 82 1/2 s.
H.K. & N. 82 1/2 s.
East Asia 80 n.

INSURANCES

Canton 225 b.
Union 145 b.
China Underwriter 14 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire 103 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas 68 b.
Stamboats 13 n.
Indo-China P. 60 n.
Indo-China, D.S. 24 n.
Shell Bunkers 80 7/8 n.
Waterboats 9 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves 105 s.
Docks 10 b.
Providents 4.00 s.
New Eng. Sh. 6.70 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh. 101 1/2 s.

MINING

Kullin s/- 17/6 n.
Ruhls s/- 8 n.
Yenzi Goldfield 3 n.
Hongkong Mines etc. 4 n.
Antamoks Ps. 33 1/2 s.

ATOKS

Atoks Ps. 24 1/2 s.
Baguio Gold Ps. 24 1/2 s.
Benguet Cons. Ps. 11.70 s.
Coco Grove Ps. 33 1/2 s.
Dismantlings Ps. 13 s.
I.X.L. Ps. 50 s.
Itokons Ps. 24 1/2 s.
Camarines Ps. 50 s.
San Marulico Ps. 1.74 s.
Suyoc Consols Ps. 16 s.
Paracels Ps. 59 s.

LANDS

Hotels s/- 5 1/2 n.
Lands s/- 33 1/2 s.
Lands 4% deb. 104 n.
Shai Lands Sh. 8.60 n.
Humphreys s/- 8.55 n.
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Chinese Estates s/- 102 n.

UTILITIES

Trams s/- 10.20 s.
Peak Trams (old) s/- 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) s/- 4 n.
Star Ferries s/- 0.75 s.
Y. Ferries (old) s/- 24 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (new) s/- 24 n.
China Lights (old) s/- 8.35 s.
China Lights (new) s/- 5 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric s/- 55 s.
Macao Electric s/- 18 1/2 s.
Sundown Lights s/- 12 n.
Telephones (old) s/- 7 1/2 n.
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Traction s/- 22 n.
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Cold: Macg. (ord.) s/- 14 n.
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Canton Ice s/- 0.5 b.
Cement s/- 12 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes s/- 3.00 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (ex. rts.) s/- 21 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (rts.) s/- 15 1/2 n.
Watsons s/- 17 1/2 n.
Lane Crawford s/- 1.80 n.
Sincere s/- 42 n.
Wing On (H.K.) s/- 42 n.
Powell, Ltd. etc. 90 n.

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Sui Cotton Sh. s/- 104 n.
Zong Sing Sh. s/- 30 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. s/- 40 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainment s/- 0.40 b.
Constructions s/- 14 n.
Vibro Piling s/- 0.30 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 0.4 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2% par n.
Marsmans (Lond.) s/- 13 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- 5 n.

The Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Canada" is due at 5.30 p.m. to-day and will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

ITALY CONSOLIDATES ALBANIAN CONQUEST

Tirana, Apr. 11.—The Albanian Provisional Government has convoked a constitutional assembly for Wednesday to approve the new constitution Italian experts and members of the Governmental Committee have drawn up.

The constitution remodels Italian-Albanian relations and also the Albanian civil code to conform closely with the Italian code.—United Press.

Fascist Party To Be Formed

The Albanian provisional government at Tirana has sent a telegram to Premier Mussolini, "hoping for immediate organisation of a Fascist party in Albania."—Domet.

210,000 Pieces Of Gold

Tirana, Apr. 11.—At the authorisation of Il Duce, the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, announced to-day that the sum of 210,000 gold francs would be placed at the disposal of the provisional Albanian Administration council for relieving privation among the population.

The Council sent a telegram of gratitude to Signor Mussolini acknowledging the gift.—Trans-Ocean.

Fighting Continues

Paris, Apr. 11.—According to authentic sources, states the Albanian Legion, fierce fighting occurred this morning at Matidibari, Argyro Kastro, and Elbasan, where mountain tribesmen, supported by officers of the regular army, are fighting under the leadership of Prince Sali and Prince Hussain, both former pupils at St. Cyr.

The Italians claim to have occupied both Argyro Kastro and Elbasan.—Reuter.

Muslim Protest

Algiers, Apr. 11.—Protests from all sections of the Muslim population in Algiers against Italy's action in Albania have been received by the Governor, accompanied by a renewed declaration of loyalty to France, and oaths to defend mother country against aggression. Mass meetings of protest are being held in all the important centres to-day.—Reuter Special.

BRITISH WARSHIPS MASS NEAR GREECE AS PARLT. MEETS

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the surrounding regions.—United Press.

French Preparations

PARIS, Apr. 11.—The French Government has called in naval specialists and cancelled all leave. The main French Mediterranean Fleet at Toulon is prepared to sail for North Africa and eastern Mediterranean coasts.

All Enter leave for the Army has been cancelled. Reliable reports say that 400,000 reservists have been called since dictatorial powers were granted to the Prime Minister.

The French Cabinet has met to consider the international developments. Marshal Poincaré, French Ambassador to Spain, unexpectedly arrived from Burgos to-day to confer with the French Foreign Minister.—United Press.

Four Battleships

The London correspondent of "Domet" reports that the existing British naval forces in the Mediterranean include four battleships, one aircraft-carrier, six cruisers, 30 destroyers, seven submarines, six torpedo-boats and ten minesweepers.

The battleship Warspite which stayed at San Remo in northern Italy for five days, left Naples on April 9, while the battleship Malaya left Mentone, France, during the week-end.

Concentrated at Malta are the aircraft-carrier Glorious, the cruisers Devonshire, Sussex, Penelope, and Arethusa, seven submarines, six minesweepers, and the First and Third Destroyer Flotillas.

The cruiser Shropshire left Villefranche, France, on April 5, and the cruiser Galatea reached Genua, Spain on April 5 and later proceeded to Malta.

The destroyers Wishart, Cossack, Maori and Zulu are standing by at Malta, while the Hardy, flagship of the torpedo-boat flotilla, and the destroyers Hero, Hereward, Hotspur and Havoc left Sorrento, Italy, on April 8.

New Tientsin C. In C. Arrives

Tientsin, Apr. 12.—Brigadier Sir John Laurie, Bart., the new Commander of the British troops in the Tientsin area, arrived last night from England.

He commanded the Second Battalion the Seaforth Highlanders from 1934 to 1938.—Reuter.

CHILDREN AND WAR

Belfast, Apr. 11.—The Minister of Labour to-day said at a conference of the Ulster Teachers' Congress that they should assure children in the case of hostilities, as children's minds turn too much to war if given the smallest encouragement.—Reuter.

IL DUCE CALLS MORE RESERVES TO THE COLOURS

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Italian attackers," said their leader.—United Press.

German Warning

Berlin, Apr. 11.—Sources close to the German Foreign Office state that both Germany and Italy will refuse to tolerate British and French interference in the Balkans.

To-day's Press sharply criticised the democracies, and anger is rising, particularly against Britain, due to reports of British plans to guarantee Greek and Turkish frontiers.—United Press.

London Activity

London, Apr. 11.—After seeing the Soviet Ambassador this morning, Viscount Halifax visited Mr. Chamberlain at No. 10 Downing Street, where the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet continued deliberations on the European situation in the afternoon.

The King returned to London unexpectedly from his Eastern vacation at Windsor this afternoon. It was arranged that Mr. Chamberlain should see him on his arrival, and the King was expected to return to Windsor afterwards.—Reuter.

Italian View

ROME, Apr. 11.—Italian sources state that Italy will regard any British pledge to defend Greece as a move against Italy requiring new disposition in the Mediterranean.

Italy is as equally concerned about Britain's intentions with regard to Greece as Britain is about Italy's intentions with regard to Corfu.

Authoritative sources said neither Italy nor Britain have given any "warning" over Albania or Greece. Mussolini's newspaper "Popolo d'Italia" states that Italy is contemplating the enrolment of Albanian officers in the Italian army.—United Press.

Assurances To Greece

Rome, Apr. 11.—Foreign press reports that the Italian Government has conveyed direct assurances to the Greek Government concerning Italy's attitude towards Greece have been confirmed by official circles.

Italy's friendly attitude will continue, and it is added that in view of this, it would be folly for Greece to perceive danger for herself and the other Balkan States in the measures taken by Italy in consolidating the Italian position in Albania and for stabilising peace there.

An Athens message says that there is a marked decrease in excitement among the public following the declaration made by Premier Metaxas that the Government had received unequivocal assurances from Rome regarding the independence of Greece and her integrity.—Trans-Ocean.

Yugo-Slav Precautions

Belgrade, Apr. 11.—Although the Yugo-Slav attitude towards the Italian occupation of Albania has not been officially declared, certain military precautions have been taken.

Several classes of reservists have been called up, mainly in districts bordering on the Yugo-Slav-Albanian frontier.

The arrival here of the Croatian leader, M. Mestrovic, and Lieutenant Caticich is welcomed as indicating a pending agreement on the long-standing Croat demand for Home Rule.—Reuter Special.

Greece's Preparedness

Athens, Apr. 11.—Emphasis on Greece's preparedness to resist attack is made by the newspapers to-day.

They declare that calm is not due to impassivity for the people are passionately devoted to the independence and integrity of the country, but to the certainty that the army is ready for every eventuality.—Reuter Special.

Big Robberies Reported

Loot valued at \$1,350 was the proceeds of two daring burglaries in Hongkong yesterday.

A widow living in a matched at Taihang, Causeway Bay, lost her entire fortune when thieves entered the matched between 8 a.m. and noon and stole bank-notes and small coins to the total value of \$1,050.

Three hundred dollars was stolen in another robbery in the servants' quarters at the Hongkong Jockey Club in Happy Valley.

Joan Crawford Gains Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 11.—Joan Crawford, the film actress, was to-day granted a divorce from her husband, Franchot Tone, on the grounds of mental cruelty. Her original application was put back from March 28 because she failed then to attend the court in person to give evidence.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Air Mail Due To-day By Two Planes

The Imperial Airways Dorado and Della are due at 5 p.m. to-day at Kai Tak with mails from all countries, and several passengers.

The two planes left Hongkong at 7 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers and outward mail: Mr. E. C. Hagen for London, Mr. So Tong-hui for Bangkok, Mr. R. W. Colc, Mr. A. Wienen and Mr. S. Yano for Hanoi, and Mr. Sam Tak-kong for Singapore.

NEW LOCAL SCHEDULES

As from April 24 arrivals of Imperial Airways in Hongkong will be on Mondays and Thursdays instead of Wednesdays and Saturdays. Departures from Hongkong will be on Tuesdays and Fridays as heretofore.

Transit times between Hongkong and London will be six days east-bound and six and a half days west-bound. Between Hongkong and Singapore transit times will be two and a half days by the service from Hongkong on Tuesdays, and three and a half days by that from Hongkong on Fridays. In the reverse direction mails will leave Singapore on Tuesday, arriving on Thursday, and on Friday, arriving in Hongkong the following Monday, a transit time of two and three days, respectively.

YANKEE CLIPPER

London, Apr. 11.—The Pan-American Airways flying-boat Yankee Clipper left Southampton to-day for Foyles harbour to inspect the facilities there. She carried the original crew of 12 and nine experts who crossed the Atlantic from Baltimore on the first test flight.—Reuter Bulletin.

CIVIL PILOTS TRAINED

Washington, Apr. 11.—The House Committee for Interstate Commerce has favourably reported on the bill authorising the Civil Aeronautics Authority to train civilian pilots. A sum of \$5,675,000 will be appropriated for the purpose.—United Press.

GOODWILL PLANE

Tokyo, Apr. 11.—The Japanese monoplane Soyokaze which hopped off from Canton at 8.10 a.m. arrived at Bangkok at 3.50 p.m. to conclude the third stage of its goodwill flight from Tokyo to Teheran.—Domet.

FIRST TRIP FINISHED

Tokyo, Apr. 11.—Successfully inaugurating a regular air service between Yokohama and the capital of the Japanese Mandated Islands in the South Seas, the air-liner of the Japan Aviation Corporation returned to Yokohama at 3.30 p.m. yesterday completing its return flight from the Southern Pacific.

The air-liner covered the entire distance for the round trip, extending over 6,300 kilometres, in 32 hours, 30 minutes.—Domet.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia and British Colonies: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. April 12; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. April 18.

For Chungking, Sian, etc. Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: Pan American Clipper 8.30 a.m. April 14.

For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. April 15.

From U.S.A. via Guam, and Manila: Pan American Clipper 1 p.m. April 13.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.

From France, via Hanoi: Air France 1 p.m. April 13.

Nazis In Argentine

Buenos Aires, Apr. 11.—The morning newspapers here, all apparently from the same source, today reported that the police have uncovered an organised chain of Nazi centres directing the work of Nazi agents throughout the Argentine.—United Press.

Fraternity Row

Salt Lake City, Utah. Despite convincing arguments by attractive co-eds, that Salt Lake City commission has decided to restrict fraternity and sorority houses to the University of Utah to within 600 feet of the campus. Non-collegiate residents of the area had complained that the value of their properties was diminished due to "loud parties."

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11.—The Senate to-day passed the \$100,000,000 Relief Bill for public works, after rejecting a proposal to increase the amount to \$150,000,000.—Reuter.

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MAIL FOR CANTON

Registered and Ordinary mail and Parcels (not insured) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

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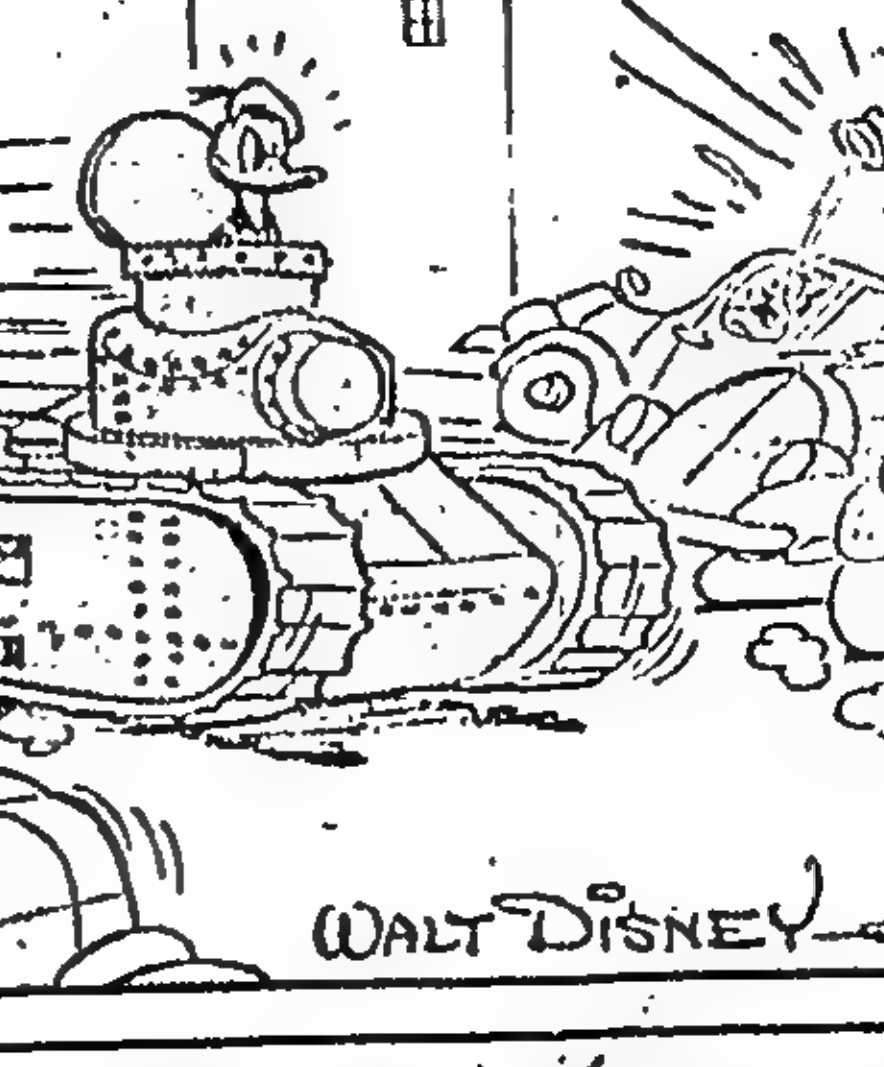
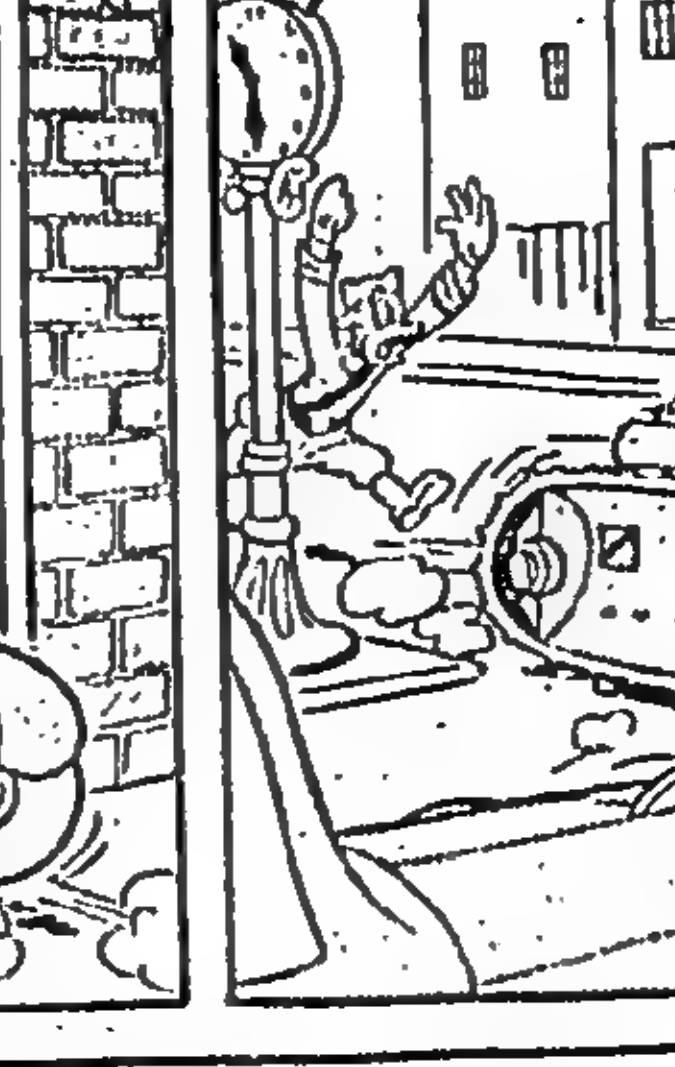
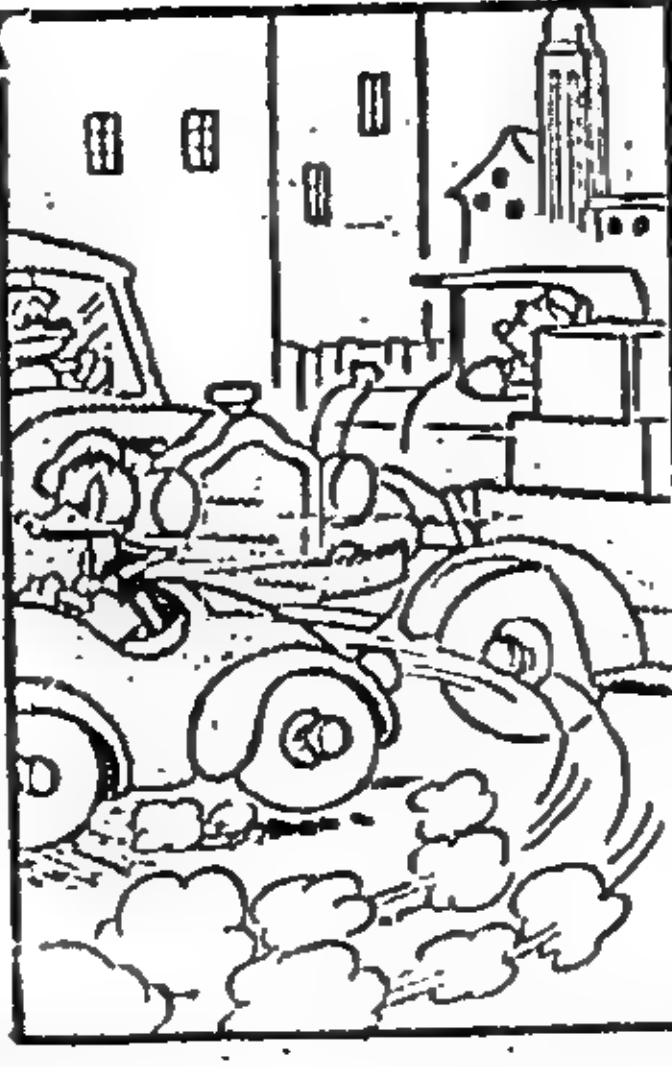
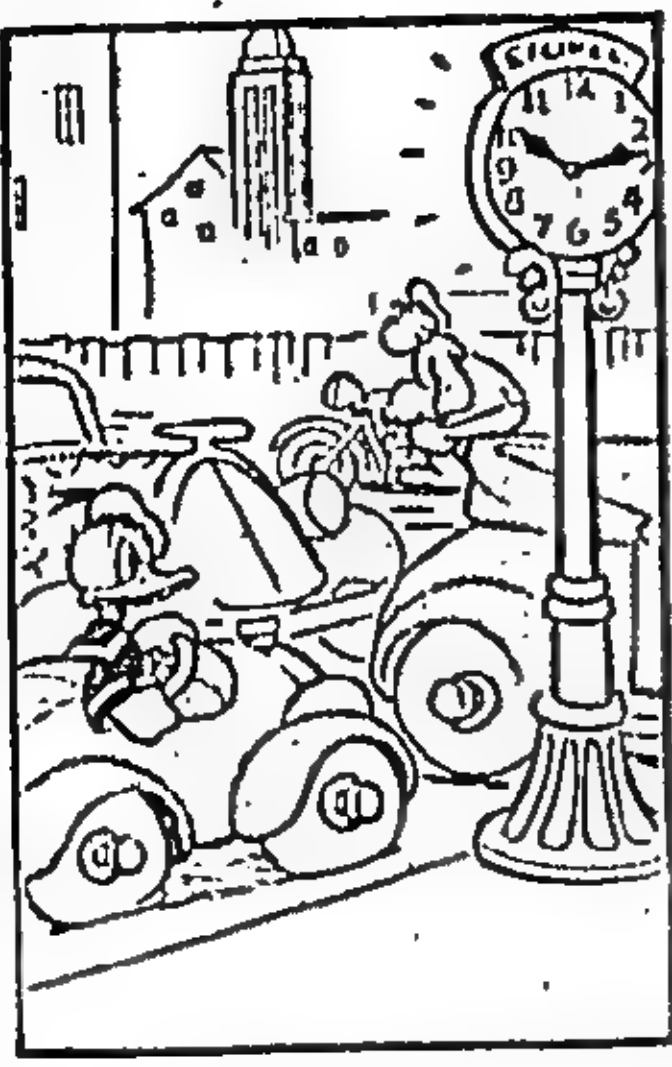
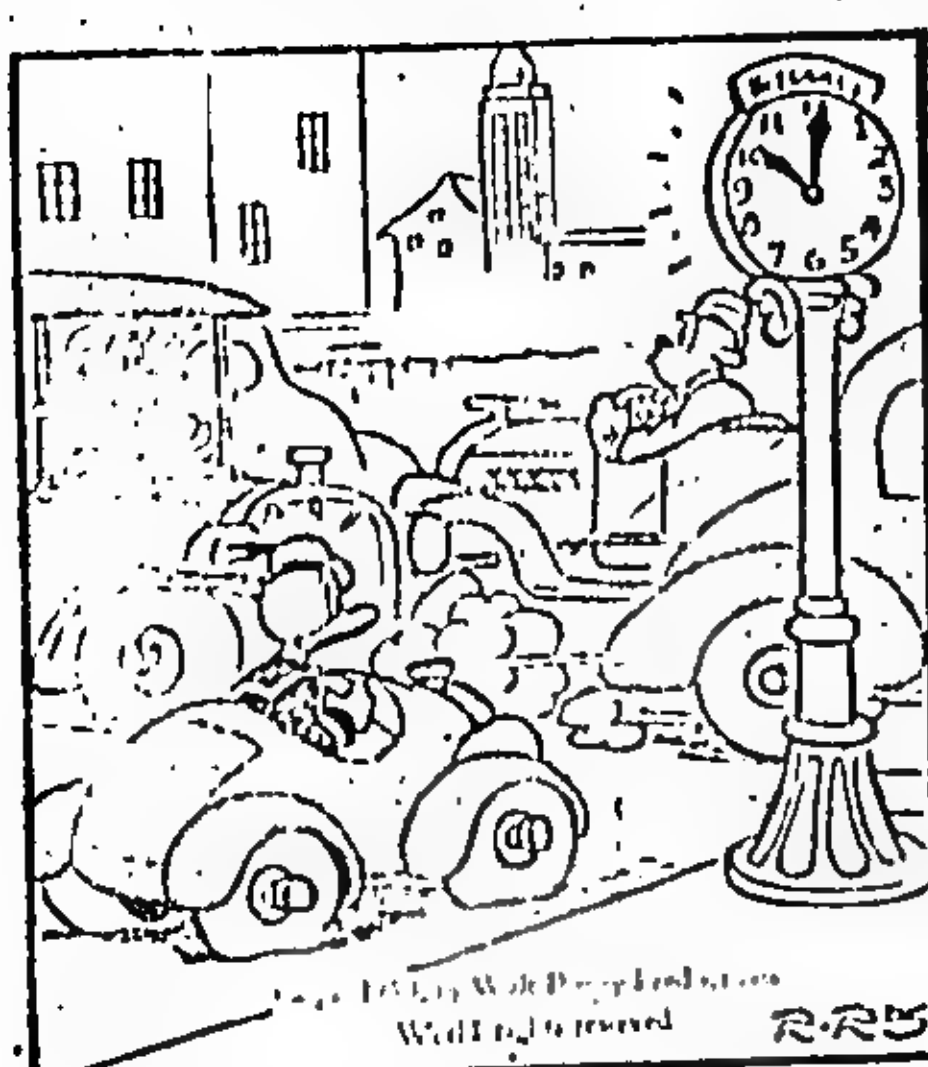
OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Sulyang	April 12
Formosa	Canton Maru	April 12
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)		
London date, 10th March		
and London	Parcels—London	
date, 9th March		
Manila	Carthage	April 12
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th April	Empress of Canada	April 12
Calcutta	Imperial Airways Plane	April 12
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.)		
London date, 9th March		
Shanghai and Swatow	Santhia	April 12
Saigon	Taiyuan	April 12
Haliphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Jean Laborde	April 13
Saigon	Klungchow	April 13
Straits and Manila	Laos	April 13
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 24th March).	Menesheus	April 13
Java	Pres. Taft	April 13
Tientsin and Swatow	Tilbadak	April 13
Japan and Shanghai	Yunnan	April 13
Swatow	Corfu	April 14
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th April.	Newchwang	April 14
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 18th March).	Pan American Airways Plane	April 14
Japan	Pres. Adams	April 14
Shanghai and Amoy	Rakuyo Maru	April 14
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 17th March)	Soochow	April 14
Straits	Asama Maru	April 15
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th April	Diomed	April 15
Manila	Imperial Airways Plane	April 15
Manila	Noptuna	April 15
Calcutta and Straits	Roseville	April 15
Japan	Cutsang	April 16
India and Manila	Canlon	April 17
Straits	Tjinegara	April 17
	Cremor	April 18

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ANSWER: Professor Blanc, Italy's most famous anthropologist, took his bride to a mountainous district outside Rome. With her aid, he discovered bones in a cave. Among them was a skull which he identified as one of Neanderthal man.
Q: Who was Neanderthal man?
A: He occupied Europe somewhere between 40,000 B.C. and 20,000 B.C. First found, he was thrown on him in 1857 when the bones of an extinct species of man were found in a cave near Düsseldorf.
Q: Why is Professor Blanc's discovery important?
A: The skull is so well preserved that it may be possible to establish by its means that Neanderthal man occupied Europe for a longer period than is now thought.
Q: What other discoveries did Professor Blanc make?
A: He found remains of lions and hippopotami that once lived in Italy.

HOLLAND IS READY

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didn't ride her bicycle now, for she had grown too old.

BUT the Queen was like his mother in so many ways. She was a good mother—good to all her subjects. "That is something," he said, "that Dictators do not understand. So that are the children are afraid of them. And when mothers to their people. And when children are afraid they tell lies to avoid punishment and they do things through fear and not through love. And we must love those who rule over us."

"It is the same for you in England with your fine King and Queen. That is why we both have vast possessions. My friend, Our possessions belong to us with lies of love and trust. It cannot happen—the other way."

I asked him about their princess. "She is a fine girl," he said. "Already she has given us an heir, but if the girl, too—and we would prefer a boy—well, we shall know, even so, that one day another mother will rule over the Motherland. It is fine to know that."

HE showed me a dog race track as we flashed by. They allow dog racing for one day a year in Holland, but betting is prohibited among themselves. "No," he said, "it is not sport to take money from a friend."

He told me many things as dawn came and disclosed that flat countryside, rainwater and grey. How there are 200,000 bicycles in Amsterdam, each taxed at three guilders a year. That you have to tip tram conductors in Amsterdam, but not taxi-drivers. That French is the language of the Court. How there is no early closing day in Holland, except for barbers.

LICENCE REFUSED

Brief Meeting of The Urban Council

Only one item, an application for a licence, was on the agenda at the meeting of the Urban Council, held in the Post Office Building yesterday. The application was for a food preserving licence for No. 15 Spring Garden Lane, third floor, and it was refused.

Mr. R. R. Todd, Chalmers, presided at the meeting. The following is a list of licences granted by the Urban Council between March 28 and April 10, this year:
Food factories (1); Food shops (1); Swine (2); Offensive Trades (2); Eating houses (3); Restaurants (1). Total: 10.

Chief Justice Discourses On Freedom In English Law

Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice of Hongkong, was the speaker on "Freedom in English Law" before a large gathering of University students at St. John's Hall last night. Sir Atholl spoke on English law dating back to the Twelfth Century, and also dwelt on the freedom of person and property, freedom of speech, discussion, meeting, and the Press.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. George She, who in a few appropriate words said that St. John's Hall counted it a great honour to have Sir Atholl to speak to them. Among those present were Mr. D. J. Sloss, Vice-Chancellor of the University; Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong; Father G. T. Byrne, Father G. Casey, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Professor W. Brown, and Professor Robertson.

The speaker said in part: "Some among you may in after years guide and control the destinies of the great Republic of China; many of you will certainly in the fields of medicine, science and teaching, bring enlightenment, happiness and prosperity to your fellow men, and so I felt justified in believing, as I very cordially believe, that if I could convince you that there is no greater human blessing, whether for state or for subject, than liberty, as that word is understood and safeguarded by English Law and the British administration of justice, I should have justified this intrusion on your time and have given you a message of real outstanding importance."

On January 30, 1649, Charles I was executed in Whitehall. A spectator has told how when the blow fell "there was such a groan by the thousands then present as I never heard before and desire I may never hear again." In these days when nations need above all authority which is not state worship, and liberty which is not anarchy, the King's last speech has a deep import. Having declared that he desired the people's freedom, he concluded by saying: "I have no more to say but that I have given you a message of real outstanding importance."

What then is the source from which in England flows this life blood of freedom? If one were considering almost any country but England the answer would be simple. France put liberty in the forefront of her constitution and to do so the English constitution of 1701. On July 4, 1776, came the declaration of American independence. Even the charters of post-war Germany and of Soviet Russia are at pains to declare guaranteed freedom of press and speech and of the Press, though few solemn declarations can have been more cynically disregarded.

In the thirteenth century all in England were not free: the feudal system was in full force and the Barons who negotiated the Charter with King John, would, in view of their feudal rights, have been the last to demand from their King any restriction of their existing rights over their vassals. All men were not free, but they gained public recognition of their freedom, slow though the process was, not by the use of any statutory declaration, but by the action of the law, and in some cases, by the action of juries of their fellow subjects.

Troubled History Can we then say that with the accession of James I universal freedom in England was gladly and freely recognized? Unfortunately we cannot. The reigns of the Stuart Kings are unique in the island's troubled history. The Stuarts set up the divine right of Kings, their judges were weak and time-serving, and the great proclamations of Magna Carta were deliberately and repeatedly flouted. Discontent at the recurrent invasions of liberty of person and of property grew rapidly till in 1628 Charles I was compelled to assent to the Petition of Right which provided in the main that there should be no taxation without consent of Parliament and no illegal imprisonment, however was determined to go down with his flag flying. Next year, 1629, he dissolved Parliament and with the help of his two ministers Strafford and Laud, he embarked on the fatal decade of government by prerogative alone. Things went from bad to worse till they came to a head in his bitter known perhaps as the case of Ship Money, in 1637. On the trial some of the Judges preferred their duty to the law to their allegiance to the King, who secured judgment by a majority of only seven to five that was the last straw on the back of a long-suffering people. The great Long Parliament assembled and in 1640 passed a statute vacating and cancelling the judgment and declaring all the proceedings contrary

discussion, meeting and the Press. I am taking them together because they are so clearly different aspects of the same great liberty. After all, freedom for all practical purposes is the freedom of individual human beings to express themselves by the spoken or written word or by action within the frame work of laws freely made and accepted, and so long as that is so enforced silence is nothing but imprisonment of the mind.

Under British rule we are, save in time of war, rid of such restrictions and absurdities. But it was not always so, for, whenever any large proportion of a nation is disaffected towards its Government, a free Press becomes a source of danger. The censorship of the press continued in England till 1695, and then its abolition was rather accidental than deliberate, as Macaulay caustically points out in the 19th chapter of his History of England. The only vestiges of such censorship which still remain are the Lord Chamberlain's control over stage plays and the censorship of film pictures.

Liberty of Press In what does this vaunted and much prized freedom of the spoken and the written word consist? It is, I feel, almost an anachronism to pronounce the law on the subject so I shall leave it to much greater men than I. "The Liberty of the Press," said Lord Mansfield, "consists in printing without any previous licence, subject to the consequences of law." Lord Sumner in 1914 in Arnold. The King Emperor wrote: "The freedom of the press is an ordinary part of the freedom of the subject, and to what lengths the subject in general may go so also may the journalist, but apart from statute law, his privilege is no other and no higher. The responsibilities which attach to his power in the press, and in the case of a conscientious journalist do, make him more careful; but the range of his assertions, his criticisms or his comments is as wide as and no wider than that of any other subject."

Our journalists are honourable; they are, like us, citizens who have at heart the best interests of their country, but they are not to be inattentive in their search for news and at times almost unscrupulous in the methods by which they obtain it, especially if they scent a scoop. The great Barons of the Fourth Estate wield a power that few if any others can aspire to control and it would be unnatural if in a country like England, where freedom is the breath of every man's nostrils they and their journalists were not subject to criticism and good-natured satire.

In England we know that the British Press is proud of our press which is constantly preaches and promotes the true ideals of democracy, which is great enough to withstand and ignore those temporary shocks and catenisms which bring governments from their high estate, and which would deserve the title of the Fourth Estate of the Realm, in a country where liberty will always be supreme.

Threatening Development Is our liberty at last secure so long as our present form of democratic government subsists? One's first inclination is to say 'yes' with thankfulness and without reservation, but second thoughts are apt to make one doubtful in view of a very recent but none the less threatening development. Of recent years there has been a subtle but still a determined attempt to enable officials to determine matters which by statute come to them for official decision. For two and a half centuries our fathers had every reason to believe that they were free within the law and that if their freedom was infringed there was a Court provided over by an independent judge whose duty it was to investigate and adjudicate on the rights of the parties.

Lord Justice Farwell, in my own days at the Bar in London, said, as he was justified in saying, that the Courts are the only defence of the liberty of the subject against departmental aggression. "Only a year or two ago," that date began the insidious process of legislating in skeleton form including in the statute rule making-powers to a Minister and then adding a wicked provision that the provision should be made by the Courts.

That provision takes as many forms as the devil can quote scripture for his own ends. We read for instance that the Minister's approval of action purporting to be taken under certain rules "shall be conclusive evidence that the requirements of this act have been made and is within the powers of this act."

Others, even less politely, do not mince words but provide that a departmental order "shall be final and not subject to appeal to any Court," or "shall be final and conclusive" or "shall have effect as if enacted in this act."

Administrative Lawlessness In plain English the meaning and effect of such legislation is to oust the jurisdiction of the Courts and to place what is departmentally done and decided beyond the reach of the law. There are legal remedies designed to correct and prevent the usurpation of jurisdiction or to compel a duty which has been omitted to be duly performed. But the latter require confidence and safeguard liberty than the knowledge that in case of need recourse can be had to an impartial public tribunal governed by law and itself subject to review.

The knowledge that the machinery exists and can be employed tends to have the effect of rendering its employment unnecessary, save only in the exceptional case.

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1.00 Time and Weather.
1.03 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.
Bubbling Over (Carroll Gibbons)... Carroll Gibbons (Piano); Can't

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The function of the British Navy is not conflict: it is to make conflict undesirable. I urge you strongly to be on your guard against any such peaceful and pervasive curtailment of your liberty. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

National Fellowship The true end of democracy is to unite the best qualities of every citizen in a national fellowship of all and everywhere to hold aloft the banner of liberty and justice. Democracy cannot tolerate an exclusiveness of its own. For centuries in England the citizens who were outside the Confraternity were doing battle to make their way inside.

The artisan and the maid-servant have now full share of public responsibility, but it is well to remember that responsibility is shared not more by the maid-servant than by the artisan, and where democracy takes the form of representative institutions common fairness and the desire to arrive at a true conclusion make it imperative that every good citizen should be ready and willing to hear both sides of the question fully argued.

Democracy means self-government through debate. There is no virtue in a man's listening with complacency to opinion with which he cordially agrees. Tolerance begins only when he listens with patience to the opinion from which he profoundly dissents. But we must remember also that free-government does not mean government of each individual by himself but government of each individual by all the rest. Above all, remember that the ideal of liberty is not merely that men shall be free but also that they shall be willing and eager for others to be free.

In the words of a great American statesman and lawyer "Not what a nation does for itself but what it does for humanity in its title to honour and glory. In God's good world the way to scale the heights of property and happiness is not to pull others down and climb up together but to help all up together to united success." (Applause.)

We Talk It Over (Washington and Young); Now That You're Gone (Kahn and Florio)... Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends; There's A Ring Around The Moon (Green); Nymph Errand-Selection (Cole Porter)... Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends; Coronado-Selection; Thanks A Million-Selection; Love And Hisses-Film Selection; Manhattan Music Box-Film Selection... Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.
1.40 New Variety Numbers.
Dance Orchestra-Blue Sides Are Round The Corner-Slow Fox-Trot; One Man Went To Blow-Novely Fox-Trot; Henry Hall and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis; Hot Coddlings (Traditional)... The Gay Nineties Singers with Orchestra; Organ-Lonesome Road (Austin, Shillert, arr. Waller); Water Boy (arr. Waller); (Pills and A. and G. Tabet); Je T'Aime (Pills and A. and G. Tabet); Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra-Love Doesn't Grow On Trees-Fox-Trot (Film "A Song Is Born"); Tell Me With Your Kisses-Fox-Trot... Gene Krupa and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Irene Dwyer.
2.15 Close Down.
2.00 Beethoven-Sonata In B Flat Major, Op. 22.
Played by Arthur Schnabel (Piano).
6.20 Haydn-Quartet In G Major, Op. 64, No. 4.
Pro Arte Quartet (Onnou-Halleux-Prevost-Mass).
6.45 London Relay-Up The Stairs Of April.
A Springtime Mosaic devised by Kathleen M. MacLeod; Up the stairs of April and of May; The hot sun climbed in the summer's noon.
Production by Howard Rose.
7.05 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.07 A Programme of Eric Coates music including his 'Springtime Suite'.
Springtime Suite: 1. Fresh Morning (Pastorale); 2. Nocturnal Song (Romance); 3. Dance In The Twilight (Valse); The Fairy Tales Of Ireland... Essie Ackland (Contralto); For Your Delight-Serenade... Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer; I Heard You Singing... Alfred Pleacover (Tenor) with Piano; Suite: 1. Oxford Street; 2. Arnhem Place... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Green; A House Love Made For You And We... Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with Cello, Oboe and Piano.
7.40 Dance Music.
Fox-Trot-My Walking Stick (Film "Alexander's Ragtime Band"); Now It Can Be Told-Fox-Trot (Film "Alexander's Ragtime Band")... Roy Noble and His Orchestra with Tony Martin (Vocal); Fox-Trots-Nola; Parade Of The Tin Soldiers... Rawicz and Landauer (Piano Duo); Tango-Viel Amica; La Malena... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.
8.03 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
Drinking Songs (arr. Williams); "Anything Goes" Selection (Cole Porter); The Fleet's In Port Again-Fox-Trot (O-Key for Sound); Yours Truly Is Truly Yours-Fox-Trot... with Vocal Refrains.
8.30 London Relay-At The Black Dog.
Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour.
8.00 London Relay-Empire Exchange.
Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.
9.15 London Relay-The News.
9.30 Piano Selections.
Valse In E Major, Op. 34 (Mozart); Arthur De Greef; Scherzo No. 3 In C Sharp Minor, Op. 38 (Chopin)... Mischka Levitzki.
9.45 London Relay-Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 Harold Ramsay at the Organ.
Famous Marches Medley: Intro; The Washington Post; Semper Parado; London Scottish; Gladiators Forewell; Popular Melodica No. 3; Intro; Pennies from Heaven; In the Chapel in the Moonlight; Another perfect night is ending.
10.00 London Relay-The Fol-De-Rols.
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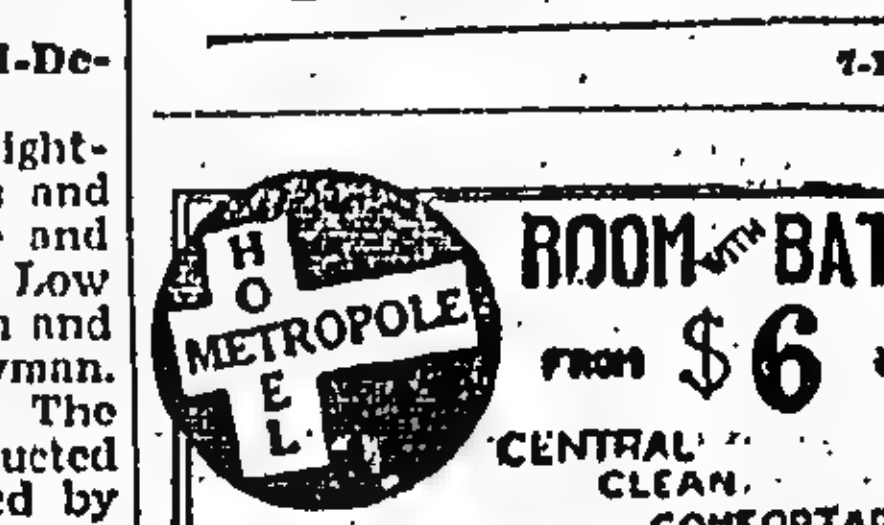
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"Mare Nostrum"

THE CRISIS pot boils and bubbles
along the shores lapped by the
placid waters of the Mediterranean,
heated by the fires of aggrandise-
ment on the one side, suspicion and
fear on the other.

The real quarrel is the lordship
of the inland sea.
Italy calls it "Mare Nostrum"—
"Our Sea."

Ordinarily, that would not matter.
But when Mussolini decides that
the Mediterranean becomes his sea
to the exclusion of other nations,
Britain must act. It may be Italy's
sea, but it is Britain's artery. An
Italian tourniquet would stop the
life-blood of commerce flowing be-
tween the heart of the Empire and
its finger-tips in Hongkong, Singa-
pore, India.

That is why there is stationed in
the Mediterranean now a very im-
posing portion of the British fleet.
Britain's warships are not there to
impede the communications of any
nation, but to protect her own.

Because of this, the position in
the Mediterranean to-day is a very
interesting one, vastly different
from 1914-18. We had enemies in
the inland sea then—Austria-Hun-
gary and Turkey both had
respectable-sized fleets.

To-day, Britain's warships are
still so superior that they could
bottle up any possible combination
of enemies in the Mediterranean.
But a new factor has entered into
consideration. Were there, no Air
Force, the British fleet would do-
minate the Mediterranean as in
former times.

It is in the air that Italy is so
superior in the Mediterranean.
The story of Abyssinia would have
been a vastly different one but for
these Italian planes.

You heard of what they did in
Albania, of how they destroyed
Spanish towns. In both those coun-
tries, however, only a few hundred
planes were used. Of Italy's 4,000
planes only 400 went to Spain—an
equal number was used in Albania.
Against this number Britain has
no more than a thousand planes
within reach of the Mediterranean.
Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus, the Suez
Canal are all within reach of Mus-
solini's bombers.

If there is ever trouble between
Italy and Britain, we may be tem-
porarily forced from the Mediter-
ranean. Hongkong's trade with
Europe will have to be diverted via
the Cape or Panama.

Will that help Italy?
No! Britain need only withdraw
her warships to Gibraltar in the
west, to Aden in the East. Italy
will be as effectually strangled as
was Germany in 1918.

For it is not the Mediterranean
itself, but these two British for-
tresses, which are the key to "Mare
Nostrum."

MENACE of the MEDITERRANEAN

By GENERAL
NIESSEL.

The distinguished French soldier,
who, as a former Inspector-
General of Aviation, is one of
the greatest living authorities on
the air arm. He was a member
of the French Supreme War
Council, and has been decorated
with the Grand Cross of the
Legion of Honour.

THE whole world lives
in the hope that
Mediterranean tension
will soon find a satisfactory
settlement.

It is proper at this moment to
study the strategic situation in
the Mediterranean, with special
reference to the changes which
the use of warplanes has brought
to the normal conditions of naval
warfare.

Before the development of the
age of machinery and before the
birth of those two new weapons
of war, the aeroplane and the
submarine, fleets of warships
could hold the high seas for
months at a time and could
blockade from a close range an
enemy coastline. At the same
time, with the artillery of that
pre-aviation period, well defend-
ed ports, even if they were right
on the coast level, formed safe
harbours for warships.

To-day, however, modern
ships need to return to harbour
very frequently for repairs and
for re-fuelling; ports on the
actual coastline can be bombarded
from a distance by artillery,
and all ports are within the field
of action of enemy aircraft.

Warships, moving fast, can to
a small extent protect them-
selves from attack by air. But
aeroplanes and submarines work-
ing together make navigation
for hostile war fleets in narrow
seas extremely dangerous.

Strategic Advantages

This is particularly the case
with the Mediterranean, and it
would be no exaggeration to
look upon the whole of this sea
as a focal area of grave danger
where sea movements would be
most difficult to protect, above
all, from air attack.

There is no denying the patent
fact that the central position of
Italy, lying across the middle of
the Mediterranean, gives her re-
markable strategic advantages
in the western half of that sea.

From the coasts of Sardinia
to those of North Africa the dis-
tance is barely one hundred
miles; only seventy miles
separate Sicily from the
northern cape of Tunisia, with
another seventy between Sicily
and Malta. The triangle of sea
between Sardinia, Sicily, and the
coastline of Naples has a base of
only four hundred miles, and
there is not a point in the
Tyrrhenian Sea which is more
than three hundred miles distant
from the nearest point either in
Italy or from the coast of Italian
Northern Africa.

In the whole of this area,
which cuts the Mediterranean in
two, the greater part of Italy's
land flying forces could co-
operate in Italy's offensive naval
operations and could render even
ordinary navigation extremely
dangerous, if not impossible, to
an enemy.

Malta, with its harbour, re-
stricted in size, could no longer
afford protection to the British
Fleet.

The far western part of the
Western Mediterranean as far as
Gibraltar becomes less exposed
to such terrible danger as the
distance from Sardinia increases.
Nevertheless, even in this part
of the Mediterranean, the
Italian seaplanes and Italian air-
men who accomplished the flight
across the Atlantic would be
capable of undertaking the jour-
ney of 1,500 miles (there and
back) which separates Sardinia
from Gibraltar.

Britain's Peril

It is necessary to emphasise
the fact that Italian aviation
would in these seas have the
enormous advantage of being
based on its national territory,
close to its reserve depots and to
the factories which ensure its
replacement, its spare parts, its
stores and arms. British war-
plane fleets, on the other hand,
would have to be entirely re-

plenished from England, and
would have no safe base on
land.

The warplanes carried with
the British Fleet are too inferior
in number ever to hope to be
able to gain supremacy in the
air over the Italian seaplane and
landplane war fleets, whose
technical efficiency is quite equal
to that of their British rivals.

It is therefore plain that
though British naval superiority
in surface craft would compel
the Italian surface fleet to be
extremely careful, the Italian
Navy, aided by its proximity to
its own bases and powerfully
supported first by its air fleet,
and secondly by its considerable
number of submarines, would be
able to find many extremely
favourable occasions for success-
ful attack.

Looking Eastwards

In the Eastern Mediterranean
the comparative situation of the
two hypothetically rival Air
Forces would not be so extreme-
ly unequal.

British Air Forces could, like
the British Fleet, find bases in
Cyprus, at Haifa, and on the
northern coast of Egypt, where
they have an admirably well-
organised refitting station at
Aboukir.

Nevertheless, even here the
Italian warplanes based on
Rhodes and the Dodecanese
Islands are only 450 miles from
Haifa, less than 400 miles from
the entry to the Suez Canal, and
only 350 miles from Alexandria.

Dangerous Possibilities

The Italians also have bases
available in Libya, the frontier
of which is but 300 miles from
Alexandria. The coast of Libya,
as well as that of Rhodes, would
at the same time form admirable



working bases for the Italian
under-sea fleet. The British
Fleet, despite its great
superiority in tonnage and num-
bers, could not prevent the
Italian over-sea and under-sea
fleets working in combination.

In the Red Sea, however, the
British Fleet would exercise an
undoubted superiority, for it
can be taken that Italy would
not commit the grievous fault of
sending to that region any im-
portant units. But here again
the powerful Air Force that
Italy has built up in East Africa
would be able to exercise a police
control which would be extreme-
ly dangerous to any commercial
navigation in that narrow sea.
It would also be able to effect
diversions, conjointly with the
Italian land forces, in the direc-
tion of the Sudan, which would
be excessively unpleasant.

Despite the distance that
separates the South-east of
Libya from Eritrea, it would not
be impossible, either, for Italian
warplanes to cross the distance
and fly right over the Sudan.

The Aeroplane's Influence

To sum up, in the event of a
conflict in the Mediterranean
and in the Red Sea, the entrance
into action of the air fleets would
have a marked influence on the
progress of operations. In par-
ticular, it would compel the
greater part of merchant ship-
ping to avoid the Mediterranean
and thus cause in economic up-
heaval.

SMELLS AROUND THE WORLD

A famous explorer re-
cently followed his nose
around the world, and these
are the points he touched
upon:—

Straits of Malacca.—You meet a
warm, fruity smell, especially when
a fruit known as the durian is ripe.
A durian always reminds me of
Singapore.

Ceylon.—In our childhood's days
on occasional Sundays we sang about
the "spicy breezes" that blew from
Ceylon's Isle, but I have been to
Ceylon dozens of times and have
never noticed the scent of shore.
But the moment you get on shore
you scent the betel nut; you can shut
your eyes and imagine the naked
brown body of the rickshaw man.

China.—China conjures up in my
mind the smell of moth-eaten cen-
turies; I think it is due to the length
of time the country has lived—and
the lack of disinfectants.

West Coast.—The smell of decaying
vegetation recalls the West Coast of
Africa.

Japan.—Japan has the genuine
spicy smell. If somebody handed
you a Japanese article and your eyes
were closed you would know it was
Japanese.

Chili.—Any hot, dry, hard smell
would remind me of Chili and Peru.
The Ideal.—Mauritius, however,
has what I call the ideal smell. You
are up in the mountains with the
roses, and there is a freshness and
a charm about it that I have never
met elsewhere in all my wanderings.

Berlin.—Berlin conveys the im-
pression that even if there were any
smells they would be numbered and
under police regulation.

Paris.—The French capital has a
careless smell about it.

On the Ocean.—The deep blue sea
has no smell of its own, but that
very fact strengthens the smell of the
old sailing ship—the smell of the tar
on the ropes that brings with it a
sense of heart yearning.

Other places which have distinc-
tive smells in his recollection are:—
Aden—hides and heat.

Leningrad—wood fires.

Oregon (U.S.A.) and Satherland-
shire—pine trees.

San Francisco—"a really fruity
smell."

Hungary and Rumania—cattle
sheds and stables.

Arabia—rancid butter.

Burma—"the winking white
cheroot" and the "brown smell" of
the Irrawaddy.

BOMBAY, Apr. 11.—About £100,-
000 worth of gold left Bombay to-day,
half of which is optionally being sent
to New York, Paris, and Amsterdam.
—Reuters.

HOLLAND IS READY But Dutchmen Will Mind Own Business

Says
Barnaby Cobb

What would the Dutchman have
done had Hitler decided to put such
fanciful dreams into action?

I PUT the question to the man sit-
ting opposite to me in the car-
riage after we had exchanged cigar-
ettes.

"We have a warlike neighbour,"
he said. "Why talk of him?"
As though to humour me he said,
finally: "War is not won by aero-
planes or bombs any more, my friend.
We have already seen that. The
next war, they say, will be with gas.
Well, our prevailing wind is from the
west—from the sea. Only for sixty
days in the year does it blow the
other way. So you see," he added,
with a gesture conveying the futility
of further discussion, "the gas would
blow towards Germany, not to us."

"But war," I said, "has always
been won on land with armies and
artillery."
Humouring me once more he said:
"It is so simple. If war should come
with Germany we concentrate our
army on the N.E. frontier. We can
hold that long enough for our civil-
ian population in that area to be
evacuated. Then we fall back to a
line east of Utrecht and open the
dykes of the Zuider Zee. That
will save Rotterdam, Amsterdam,
The Hague and Utrecht. No army
can cross that water."

At The Hague, where our train
stopped for a moment, I inter-
rupted his discourse on tulip-growing
to ask if the Queen didn't live there.
His solemn, expressionless face
lighted up. "Yes," he said, "and
she's a fine woman, our Queen. Like
my mother. She wears four petti-
coats."

His wife didn't wear four petticoats
he explained, for it wasn't the custom
now.

The Queen rode a bicycle, too, like
all people in Holland. His mother
(Continued on Page 5.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"More labour trouble, Snodgrass—the vice presidents have or-
ganized and go on strike!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

King And Queen May Cross Atlantic On Liner

London, Apr. 11. The Government is reported to be considering a change of the liner which they will cross the Atlantic on the Empress of Britain instead of H.M.S. Repulse for their visit to Canada. The Mediterranean tension makes it appear that the Repulse will be required on the spot. The vessel is now at Gibraltar "shaking down" preparatory to the Royal voyage.—United Press.

England

GLORIOUS EASTER WEATHER

London, Apr. 11. There was brilliant sunshine in London and other parts of the country yesterday, and holiday makers enjoyed themselves thoroughly. By noon, the temperature was 66 degrees which is the highest recorded for this year. Yesterday, being a bank holiday many people took the opportunity of visiting the country and seaside, hundreds taking advantage of the good weather to prolong their excursions. Despite the many country and seaside attractions, the London Zoo nearly reached record figures. Traffic was heavy on all the roads. The crowds made the best of their stay in the country and seaside and many who delayed their departure until the last moment had to spend the night at Waterloo Station owing to a slight breakdown in the Southern Railway. In London the chief attraction at the Zoo was the giant Panda, whose antics delighted the visitors. Road traffic on the main roads leading to London were very heavy, 400 cars passing in an hour.—Reuter Bulletin.

Indo-China

IMPROVING FRENCH DEFENCES

Chungking, Apr. 11. Chinese reports state that the French authorities have completed plans to erect 250 anti-aircraft guns in Indo-China, mainly at Saigon, Haiphong and Hanoi, also a number in the French leased territory of Kwangchow Bay. It is stated that the increase of regular troops in Indo-China has been completed from the original 50,000 to 100,000 men. A batch of 50 of the latest type of American pursuit planes which was part of the recent French purchases from America is reported to be arriving or to have already arrived in Indo-China. An aeroplane factory in Hanoi capable of producing 150 planes a year will be completed in June. It is further stated that construction work in Kamranh harbour, Cambodia, and other coast fortresses is being continued. France is strengthening her military defence in Indo-China for the first time in the past 50 years since the Sino-French treaty of 1885, whereby Imperial China ceded the territory to France.—United Press.

Australia

State Funeral For Late Premier

Sydney, Apr. 11. Thousands to-day attended the State funeral of the late Premier, Mr. J. A. Lyons. Many mourners were unable to get seats for the Pontifical High Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral which was attended by the Governor-General of Australia, the Governors of New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland, Sir Earl Page, the present Prime Minister, and the Premiers of the four States and Federal Ministers. The body was borne from St. Mary's Cathedral to a destroyer in Sydney harbour which is crossing to Devonshire, Tasmania, and was escorted out of the harbour by 15 planes of the Royal Australian Air Force.—Reuter Bulletin.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? honourarium, portico, portable, portiere, honourific, rivulet, English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

European Tension Persists

PREMIER SAID TO HAVE SENT NOTE TO MUSSOLINI

London, Apr. 11. According to rumours prevalent in political circles here last evening Mr. Chamberlain addressed a personal note to Signor Mussolini in reply to a message from Il Duce received by the British Premier on Eastern Sunday.

From the comments of diplomatic and political correspondents in today's morning editions, it appears that Mr. Chamberlain's refusal to denounce the Anglo-Italian agreement to a large extent is due to the personal message from Il Duce which was communicated to Mr. Chamberlain by the Italian Charge d'Affaires in London, Signor Cella, during the Easter holidays. This message is characterised as the first of a number of assurances made by Italy in the Albanian question.—Trans-Ocean.

Soviet Called In

London, Apr. 11. The Soviet Ambassador called at the Foreign Office this morning and stayed for more than half an hour. In Paris the Soviet Ambassador again called on the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, this morning.—Reuter Bulletin.

Pact with Italy Possible

London, Apr. 11. British and French warships are reported to be massing off the entrance to the Adriatic, while Mr. Neville Chamberlain seeks a last minute diplomatic deal with Signor Mussolini. Mr. Chamberlain is reported to be seeking an arrangement whereby Italy's occupation of Albania would be accepted if Italy gave firm assurances against an attack on Greece and a promise to begin withdrawal of Italian troops from Spain immediately. It is believed that if agreement with Signor Mussolini is proved to be impossible, Mr. Chamberlain will announce in the Commons on Thursday that the Government is prepared to enter into full mutual defensive alliances with Greece and Turkey. It is also forecast that the Government would denounce the Anglo-Italian friendship agreement providing for maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.—United Press.

HUNGARIAN MISSION

London, Apr. 11. The Budapest Correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph reports that the Hungarian Premier, Dr. Teleki, and the Foreign Minister, M. Csaky, are proceeding to Rome at the end of the week, to hold important conferences with Il Duce and Count Ciano. They will be accompanied by a large number of officials. The effects of the Anglo-Polish pact on the traditional friendship between Poland and Hungary, and the uneasy relations with Rumania, are likely to play a prominent part in the Rome conference. Soon after the visit to Rome, the Hungarian statesmen will visit Berlin in order to emphasise the profound friendship between Hungary and Germany.—Reuter.

Paris Press Gloomy

Paris, Apr. 11. The press continues to take a gloomy view of the international situation, except for Le Journal in which St. Brice writes that the situation is considerably easier, but nevertheless remains serious. The newspaper République considers that the situation demands "a veritable civil mobilisation for everyone who is not momentarily with the armies". The paper further urges that there should be conscription in England. Le Jour takes a very gloomy view and asks why the Italians continue to send so many troops and so much material to "conquer" Albania.—Reuter.

French Cabinet Meets

Paris, Apr. 11. A meeting of the French Cabinet is being held today and a full meeting of the Council of Ministers tomorrow.—Reuter Bulletin.

HOLLAND READY

Amsterdam, Apr. 11. Holland's determination under all circumstances to maintain her neutrality was affirmed by the Premier, Dr. H. Colijn, in a broadcast to-day. That, he said, was the sole reason for the military measures taken at the frontier yesterday. There was no reason whatever for uneasiness. The Premier spoke with great seriousness and deliberation. "We are not afraid of any hostile action being taken against Holland," he declared. "We only want to show that we are determined to maintain our independence and neutrality in all circumstances and on all sides. There is no ground whatever for believing that the Government feared a direct threat. Their relations with all foreign Powers were good. The general situation in Europe is responsible for special measures which will be maintained until tranquillity is restored. Meanwhile the people should go quietly about their work."—Reuter.

Troops Called Up

The Hague, Apr. 10. The Netherlands Government has, without explanation, called up several battalions for garrisons along the frontier.—United Press.

Victor To Become King

Budapest, Apr. 11. The Eight o'clock Gazette reports from Rome to-day under big headlines that King Victor Emmanuel will accept the crown of Albania.

London, Apr. 11.

According to the paper's Rome correspondent, the Italian diplomatic circles assure that incorporation of Albania in the Italian empire will very shortly be an accomplished fact. The correspondent further states that rumours current in Rome mention the end of April as the probable date of King Victor Emmanuel's coronation in Tirana. The King will, it is believed, subsequently be represented in Albania by a viceroy.—Trans-Ocean.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1889. Here are a few of the many important events that have happened within the past half century: The discovery of the electric telegraph; the annexation of Texas; the acquisition of California and the recovery of gold; the French Revolution of 1848; the discovery of the telephone; the discovery of photography; the laying of cables; the emancipation of Russian serfs; the establishment of ocean steam navigation; the overthrow of the Pope's temporal power; the extension of Russian power into Central Asia; the great Franco-German War and the unification of Germany; the great Civil War and the abolition of slavery in the United States; the rise and fall of Napoleon III; the establishment of the French Republic; the discovery of the source of the Nile and Niger; and the exploration of interior Africa.

Robert Stevenson, engineer, of Glasgow, is the first one to claim an invention which will drive ocean ships up to forty knots.

Ira. Honouque and Fredel, in a communication to the Biological Society of Paris, state that the extraction of teeth may be rendered painless by spraying the neighbourhood of the extraction with ether. The anaesthesia of the trigeminal so produced extends to the dental nerves, and thus renders the production of the general anaesthesia needless.

The King of Abyssinia has been killed in a battle with the dervishes.

The sailor nuisance along Queen's Road could, in our opinion, be easily remedied, not by transferring the Seamen's Club, as proposed, but by an early morning contemporary's correspondent suggests, but by the wholesale removal of the Club and of all the booths located in West Point to the neighbouring Kowloon peninsula. "Jack" could afford to amuse himself ashore there to his heart's content, without troubling the residents of the urban dweller of Victoria with his midnight revelry and the dulcet strains from his operatic repertoire. As matters at present stand, it is to be expected that the centre of attraction for the idle men in placed far enough in one extremity of the town, to allow the men to have a two-mile drive through the principal and the most crowded thoroughfares before they reach their destination. It is no rare occurrence to see in broad daylight dozens of "rickshaws" occupied by two or three specimens of humanity forcing their way through the crowd of business men, brushing past the broker's fraternity stationed in Queen's Road, and indulging in Broddingnagian mirth to the detriment of business and traffic. It is sorely disquieting to see inebriated men sporting themselves among respectable citizens, regardless of all decorum and propriety. Then at night the scene is doubly hideous. From eight or nine o'clock to the "small hours," Queen's Road is monopolised by heavily laden drunken sailors, with a good sprinkling of soldiers of the garrison, who cruise about in rickshaws and yell in all the keys of the musical scale.

25 YEARS AGO

Reuter's correspondent at Athens reports that the Albanians who occupied villages between Premeti and Alexio-wid were attacked by Epirians, and were compelled to withdraw with heavy loss. Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that a communication from the Triple Entente regarding the form of reply from the Powers to the Greek note crossed a proposal from the Triple Alliance aiming at the speedy evacuation of Southern Albania by Greek troops. An exchange of views is now in progress and it is expected that unity of all the Powers will be effected without difficulty.

10 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1929. In appreciation of his 20 years' gratuitous service to the Tang Wah Hospital as Eye Specialist Consultant, Dr. G. Montague Harrison was made the recipient of a cheque, the presentation being made at the Hospital by Mr. M. K. Lo, the Chairman of the Council of the Institution. In making the presentation, Mr. Lo stated that Dr. Harrison had graciously treated 80,000 patients at the Hospital in the course of his service, and had also performed no less than 5,000 operations.

The President and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association were at Home yesterday afternoon to members and friends at the Helena May Institute, and following the reception a meeting was held, during the course of which the Victoria Diocesan Association and the Church Missionary Association became merged into one body, under the style and title of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association.

The following new members have joined the Kowloon Residents Association: Messrs. A. E. Pilkington, D. J. Evans, A. A. R. Botelho, A. C. Jeffreys.

Dyott Collapses

Tientsin, Apr. 11. Mr. H. F. Dyott, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce, who was rescued on April 3 from the hands of bandits who abducted him on March 17, collapsed today and was sent to hospital.—Reuter.

Turkey

Premier's Statement Approved

Press Is Alarmed

Istanbul, Apr. 11. The Turkish press, which so far has been restrained in its comments on the international situation, is now giving free expression of alarm. Leading newspapers point out the danger which is threatening all the Balkan countries and exhort them to unite and co-operate. If they were to prevent the dire consequences. The Foreign Minister, Sarajoglu, who was chief of the Turkish delegation at the marriage festivities at Teheran, has cancelled his departure there because of the serious turn in events in Europe.—Reuter.

TURKISH POLICY

Ankara, Apr. 11. The Premier emphasised to-day that the National Assembly of Turkey was taking measures to ward off the events which the nation might possibly have to face. He declared that, thanks to a powerful army, the country was capable of warding off any danger and any aggression. A vote of confidence was taken for the Premier's declaration of policy, in which he drew attention to the present crisis, the suppression of States in only a few days, and in which he stated that Turkey's foreign policy had undergone no change. The motion was carried unanimously.—Reuter.

BULGARIA MAY JOIN

Bucharest, Apr. 11. The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, told newspaper correspondents here that the outcome of his negotiations in Istanbul could be described as highly satisfactory. He was convinced that the negotiations would furnish a favourable basis for further conversations. He was now able to say that the prospects of getting Bulgaria to join the Balkan alliance had substantially improved.

It is reported in the Bucharest papers that King Carol of Rumania, who had interrupted his Easter holiday at Sinaita to return to Bucharest, has left again for Balck to resume his vacation.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai

JAPANESE PROTEST AT MURDER

Shanghai, Apr. 11. Dr. S. T. Shih is understood to be the Secretary of the Taitao regime's Japanese Department. A Press Bureau of the Japanese forces, Lieutenant-Colonel Itou Mabuchi made a statement alleging the existence of Chungking Government agencies in the International Settlement which are directing the anti-Japanese activities. He said that the closing of such agencies was held to be "highly desirable."

Lieut-Colonel Mabuchi attributed the killing of S. T. Shih, to the instigation of the anti-Japanese publication appearing in the Settlement. He alleged that Japanese publications in Shanghai are receiving instructions from the Chungking Government agents who are active in Shanghai and said that both publications and the Chinese agencies behind them should be closed.

He said, "We are constrained to declare that there are still several defects in the police activities of the Municipal Council, inasmuch as the Council was to take ample precautions against outrages of this sort by adopting measures suggested by the Japanese authorities following the assassination of Chen Loh."—United Press.

Serious View Taken

Shanghai, Apr. 11. A Japanese Embassy spokesman declared this afternoon at a press conference that the Japanese authorities took a very serious view of the assassination of Dr. Shih. He added that this is a case of clearly pre-meditated official assassination.—Reuter.

D. W. Munton, G. E. F. Thompson, A. Annetts, J. M. da Rocha, W. E. Luke, W. C. John, R. T. Nelson and T. B. Wilson. Members are reminded that their subscription for 1939 are now due, and should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Tester and Abraham, Exchange Building, Hongkong.

5 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1934. The startling figures revealing the extent of the increases in the German defence forces estimated would appear to provide sufficient ground for Britain's enquiry as to the precise meaning of the enlarged appropriations. In all, the increase for the Army, the expenditure of the equivalent of over 280,000,000—a phenomenally heavy sum for a country which is supposed to be compulsorily disarmed. About 450,000,000 is set aside for the Army, which by Treaty is limited to 100,000 men; 210,000,000 for the Navy, which is limited to thirty-six ships, none of more than ten thousand tons; and 45,000,000 for an Air Force which is not supposed to exist.

Britain And China

Tokyo Sees No Change In Policy

Tokyo, Apr. 11. The British Government's policy towards China remains unchanged, Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to China, told Japanese newspapermen upon his arrival at Kobe from Shanghai last night. The Ambassador arrived at Kobe on Monday aboard the N.Y.K. liner Terukuni Maru. Stopping aboard overnight, the Ambassador will return to Tokyo to-day.

The Ambassador said that his trip to Shanghai had no political object. He added that a week's trip would not be enough to talk in detail with Sir Archibald Clark Kerr in Shanghai.—Domei.

Newspaper Opinion

Tokyo, Apr. 11. Commenting on the Kerr-Craigie conversations in Shanghai, the Kokumin Shimbun observes that an agreement of views was apparently reached on the possibility and advisability of mediation on the part of Great Britain, consequently the paper expects a change in British policy.

The Kokumin ascribes the British anxiety for termination of the Sino-Japanese hostilities to two reasons; the European situation revolving round Italian action in Albania dictates that Britain shall concentrate her full force and energies in Europe, and a comparison of notes between the two Ambassadors led to the conclusion that the anti-Japanese resistance of the Chiang Kai-shek regime is relatively spent.

The Journal believes, therefore, that Great Britain will endeavour to bring pressure to bear upon both Japan and China, the tense situation in Europe compelling her to assume a still attitude towards Japan in pending questions, including those of free navigation of the Yangtze, the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Chinese Railways administration, and that on these questions she will induce the United States and France to form with her a joint front against Japan.

Thus, in trying to check further advance of the Japanese forces, Britain is likely to advise the Chungking Government to abandon further resistance against Japan, though it is quite possible that she will lighten the theatrical effect of her move by extending more assistance to the Chungking Government.

The Kokumin concludes by pointing out that Sir Robert Craigie has already sought an interview with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita. The Nichinichi Shimbun does not believe that the Kerr-Craigie conversations will result in any such change of British policy favourable to Japan. The paper considers that the Shanghai parley was nothing but a gesture against Japan inspired by the European situation.

Pointing out that the European crisis will cause the Chungking Government increased worry, the paper stresses the necessity for Japan to pursue an independent world policy by resolutely opposing the British policy against Japan and aimed at supporting the Chiang Kai-shek regime.—Domei.

Shanghai


ACUTE REFUGEE PROBLEM

Shanghai, Apr. 11. The number of Jewish refugees from Germany here is expected to pass the 10,000 mark by the end of May. The present total of about 6,700 will be increased by the arrival of a batch of about 800 due on the Conte Biancamano on April 25, and 3,000 more are scheduled to arrive during May on an Italian and two German ships.

Bookings have been made in Europe involving the arrival of refugees at the rate of a thousand a month from June to September, which means that by the end of September the number of Jewish refugees in Shanghai will be about 14,000.—Reuter.

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DUFF AND PEARCE OUT OF TENNIS TOURNAMENT

FREE BALL "RACKET" ABOUT TO END: STOP PUT TO BAD PRACTICE

London, Mar. 17. "The free golf ball racket," as it is called, which, in recent years, has grown to considerable proportions, is about to end, if it has not already done so.

To those behind the scenes it has long been known that certain amateur players have been receiving monthly gifts of golf balls from manufacturers, the object of the gift being to influence, directly and indirectly, trade for the particular type of ball which the player receives clandestinely.

Naturally, he plays with it, and his friends, handicap men, and others, follow suit, writes a correspondent.

In the past this has been one of the methods adopted by the manufacturer in building up what is generally believed to be a lucrative business.

The best golf balls cost 2s.—sometimes the price has run to 2s. 6d. and even 3s.—and at this figure the profit is supposed to be almost astronomical. Hence the keen rivalry to establish a footing in the Eldorado.

IRREGULAR

The practice of accepting gifts of balls is, of course, so highly irregular that the recipient is placing himself in grave danger of losing his amateur status; but the practice has become so prevalent that A. cases his conscience by saying: "Well, if I am prepared to accept a box of balls monthly, why shouldn't I do the same?"

The practice has become so rampant that boxes of balls are sent through the post, others appear on the dressing-table at the hotel where the player is staying, while balls are discreetly handed out on the course for the player "to use." There are players who go through a championship, or a tournament, without ever being put to the expense of purchasing a ball.

There is a well-known professional who tells the story of the impeccable amateur who, rather than being suspected of accepting gifts, habitually plays with a brand of ball which he dislikes intensely.

Because of the illegal practices of others he feels compelled to act the role of martyr, an altruistic attitude which, though highly commendable, is most undesirable.

The same professional, a man with business acumen, having duly noted the players who, though never purchasing a ball, always seem well supplied, demands credit notes from the particular manufacturer. What is more, he gets them, a sure test of malpractice.

MALPRACTICE

The "racket" is about to die; if it does not there are certain amateurs who may find themselves in an awkward predicament—the refusal of their entries to the championships and tournaments a prerogative which the authorities have the right to exercise.

London, Mar. 17.

While the Royal and Ancient Club has no intention of setting up a detective bureau, it has at last set its face sternly against the illicit traffic which takes out of the pockets of professionals several thousands of pounds a year.

At the instigation of the R. and A. the Professional Golfers' Association has taken up the matter enthusiastically, and provided the manufacturers cannot agree to the abandonment of the practice of gifts of golf balls a "black list" of amateurs will be prepared. Once on the list the pullotine will drop.

U.S. ACTION

It is significant of the action of the R. and A. that the United States Golf Association has also been considering the question of amateur status.

Mr. Edward Cheyney, chairman of a committee set up to deal with the subject, states that neither he nor the committee has any intention of employing detective methods to ferret out violations of rules covering amateur standing in golf.

Yet Mr. Cheyney is steadfast in his opinion that the high character of amateur golf must and will be maintained by most drastic action, if such a course is found to be necessary.

Obviously, it is necessary because letters of warning have been addressed to amateur golfers, and to operators of resorts and hotels throughout the country.

Free accommodation is extended to certain amateurs in order to ensure their presence at tournaments and so-called "championships."

Travel vouchers are also given, and as many golf balls as he wants are at the disposal of the player.

No wonder George Von Elm, a former American amateur champion and Walker Cup player, who turned "business man golfer," declared that there were only two real amateur players in America.

Rugger Matches At Home

The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played to-day:

Leicester	3	Nuneaton	11
Cardiff	12	Coventry	10
Newport	6	Barbarians	9
Pontypool	6	London Welsh	12

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rochdale	14	Hull Kingston	25
Wakefield	11	Wigan	5

—Reuter.



T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. Duff, regarded generally as the strongest British pair in the Colony Tennis Championships, were not steady enough in their replay against Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau yesterday, and were beaten by the odd set. Duff (right) was not given many opportunities to shine.—Staff Photographer.

STATUS OF EUROPEAN NET STARS

Cejnar Denies Reports Turning Pro; Puncer Remains Amateur

London, Mar. 31. P. Cejnar, the young Czech player, denies reports which are current on the Continent that he intends to turn professional. Cejnar, who is Czechoslovakia's No. 2 player, is studying at the Prague Commercial Academy with the idea of taking up a business career.

L. Hecht, Czechoslovakia's No. 1 player, is another spoken of as likely to become a professional. This is not likely, however, at present. Hecht hopes to go to the United States and continue to play tennis as an amateur and would like to play at Wimbledon this year. If he is unable to get a job in the United States, however, he may consider offer to turn professional.

P. Puncer, Yugoslavia's leading tennis player, also denies reports that he intends turning professional, says a Belgrade message. He is more interested in helping his country to reach the final of the European Zone of the Davis Cup competition this year.

Puncer said that he had no offers to turn professional and would have turned them down if he had.

Cycling

EASTER OUTINGS ENJOYED

The Hongkong Cycling Club enjoyed excellent weather on the Easter holiday outings and local cyclists responded enthusiastically to the call of the road. On Sunday no less than three sections were out, the first leaving Alhambra Theatre at 9.45 a.m. and riding to Shataukok via Unlong and Fanling. This was taken at the border town and hills for refreshments were made at Castle Peak Bay (Sanhue) on both outward and homeward runs. Kowloon was reached at 6 p.m. and the party crossed to the island for dinner, later resuming the run to bring the day's mileage up to "century" figures.

A strong party under Mr. Robert Yuen left Kowloon for a tour of the Circuit at 10.30 a.m., and successfully concluded the trip before darkness set in. At Tai-po, greetings were exchanged with the social section under Messrs. Kam Yiu-wah and Mok Hing-woon, whilst the "centurions" overhauled Mr. Yuen's party near Castle Peak at 4.30 p.m., when photographs were taken. One woman cyclist was included in Mr. Yuen's party, whilst several joined the largest (social) section, which left Kowloon at 10 a.m. to journey to Tai-po and back.

An informal outing was held through on Good Friday, the Club having a party which left the Alhambra Theatre at 10 a.m. Brilliant sunshine and a helpful wind brought the riders to Sanhue at 2.15 p.m. via Tai-po and Fanling, in spite of frequent halts for photographic purposes. A lengthy halt was made at Tingkau, and a portion of the hill from Tsuenwan was covered on foot, before the riders gained Kowloon at 5 p.m. to conclude a delightful spin.

On Saturday next, the Club loses one of its founder members in the person of Mr. L. A. Anning, who departs for Home. One of the most active riders in the early years of the Club, Mr. Anning has of late confined himself to various administrative activities, and his departure will be greatly regretted. As Hon. Auditor of the Club he has been succeeded by Mr. P. Stanley.

IMPORTANT POINTS BEFORE COMMITTEE OF HONGKONG L.B.A.

(By "Abe")

A meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will be held this afternoon in the boardroom of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. to confirm arrangements for the forthcoming League season.

Amongst the business of the meeting will be (1) to fix a date for the commencement of the League; (2) to decide on the composition of each of the three divisions; (3) to approve the provisional fixtures already drawn up; and (4) to appoint a sub-committee to take care of the competitions during the summer.

It has been the custom in the past to start the League season in Hongkong on the last Saturday in April; so it is almost certain that the League will commence this year on Saturday, April 29.

As has already been announced, 27 teams will take part in the League, whereas last year there were only 22—made up of eight teams in each of the three divisions. As three new teams have entered for competition, presumably in the Third Division, we may find an uneven distribution of teams in the various divisions if the Committee adhere strictly to the promotion and relegation rule passed a couple of seasons ago. Therefore, leaving eight teams in each of the First and Second Divisions, we will have 11 teams in the Third. This means that the top two divisions will conclude their programme weeks ahead of the Third.

Personally, I don't think this is really desirable. It would be a much better scheme to balance up the three divisions—nine teams each—so that the League programme will conclude, barring postponements, of course, approximately the same time. The Committee then will know where they stand, and will be able to make arrangements for competitions, etc. accordingly.

The meeting this evening will decide on this question, and in view of the importance of the matter a full attendance is requested.

Home Football

EVERTON SURE OF VICTORY

London, Apr. 11. Wolves dropped a valuable point in the First Division of the English Football League to-day, being held to a 2-2 draw by Aston Villa. As a result, Everton now need only two more points from their remaining four matches to be certain of the championship.

Though they won their home match against Middlesbrough to-day, Leicester are by no means out of the relegation danger zone, but Huddersfield's home win over Grimsby has moved them up appreciably.

The following were the results of matches played to-day:

FIRST DIVISION			
Aston Villa	2	Wolves	2
Huddersfield	2	Grimsby	0
Leicester	5	Middlesbrough	3
SECOND DIVISION			
Bradford	2	West Ham	2
Coventry	2	Norwich	0

—Reuter.

LOSE IN REPLAY AGAINST HO AND LEE: STEADINESS WINS IN END

(By "Abe")

Lacking almost completely the "fireworks" which had made their previous meeting so entertaining to watch, yesterday's stand court match in the Colony Tennis Championships between T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. "Sticks" Duff, of the Hongkong C.C., and Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau, of the Chinese R.C., fell rather below expectations.

Duff, who had dominated the excitement in the uncompleted match on Thursday last, was not given many opportunities to display his devastating smash. Those which he had he did not make full use of and generally speaking his all-round play was not up to the standard of the first encounter.

Because the former Canadian Davis Cupper was unable to score as many winners as he was expected to do, he and his partner succumbed to the greater steadiness of the Chinese, who won by 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

The Chinese were the better-balanced pair, and their success was due to some extent, I am sure, to a change in their tactics. Whereas on Thursday they were strictly on the defensive, yesterday they became more aggressive and found that it paid for in defence Pearce and Duff were distinctly vulnerable. The Chinese were also aided considerably by the numerous mistakes made by their opponents, who sometimes messed up even the simplest of returns. In this respect Pearce was more guilty than Duff.

On the other hand, the Chinese played very steadily throughout. They seldom went out for outright "kills," though they occasionally scored with winning volleys and smashes, and so they rarely made the mistakes which their opponents did. They were never spectacular, but their tally of points piled up.

SHREW FACTS

By concentrating on Pearce and keeping the ball as much away from Duff as they could, the Chinese reduced the effectiveness of the latter player, forcing him to "reach" on many occasions. When he did so, Duff had so little time to make his shots that it was very seldom that he made outright winners of his shots; when he did so, it was all right, but when he did not, he invariably threw both himself and his partner out of position.

Pearce's success with his service was a factor in the first set. He held it three times and was partly responsible for winning the set in the twelfth game after he and his partner had led 3-1 and 4-2. At 5-5 on Duff's service, the Chinese missed a great opportunity of taking the lead. With the score love-40, they failed to clinch the game, and the Britons, fighting back, won it to lead 6-5. Then on Lee's service, the Chinese nearly repeated this performance. They fought back from a love-40 score to deuce, but could not prevent their opponents from going out for the set.

In the next two sets, the Britons made far too many mistakes to hope for success against a pair who were almost machine-like in their accuracy. And though Duff and Pearce now and then scored with nice shots, point after point was thrown away by careless stroking. The scores gave a fairly accurate idea of the respective merits of the two pairs.

OTHER MATCHES

Starting very shakily, Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong, of the University, dropped the first set quickly against A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios, who conceded only one game. The second set, however, was much closer, and a ding-dong struggle ended in the undergraduates winning it after 16 games.

Thus encouraged, Lim and Wong revealed better form in the final set, playing confidently. But this third set seemed to have the reverse effect on the Portuguese players who began to lose their previous accuracy. Leading by 3-1, 4-2, the undergraduates went out in the ninth game to enter the semi-finals.

It must be many years since two University players have gone so far in the Colony Tennis Championships. Lim, of course, came here with a reputation, but Wong, hitherto, has never been anything more than a useful League player. His form to date in the tournament proves that he has made good progress during the past year. Though small in stature, he has strokes which are worthy of a far more powerfully built player.

It was learned after the match that Lim was playing throughout with a fever, and the originally arranged

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

Tsui Yun-pui beat A. Crawford 6-3, 6-8, 6-4.

Open Doubles

Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau beat T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. Duff 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 (replay).
Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong beat A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios 1-6, 9-7, 6-3.

Derby

FOXBROUGH NO LONGER FAVOURITE

London, Apr. 11. Foxbrough II has fallen from favouritism in the betting on the Derby as the result of its defeat at Kempton yesterday when it finished seventh in the Coventry Three-year-old Stakes.

Blue Peter is now the favourite at 10/1. The latest call-over is as follows:

10/1	Blue Peter (o)
100/8	Rogerstone Castle (o)
100/8	Fairstone (o)
100/8	Gasanova (o)
100/8	Trigun (o)
100/8	Foxbrough II (o)
20/1	Dhoti (t. and o.)
33/1	Fair Chance (t. and o.)

—Reuter.

stand court match in which he and his partner were to play the Tsui brothers to-day has been postponed.

A NEAR UPSET

Playing very steadily and confidently, Alec Crawford, the young Kowloon C.C. player, went very close to beating Tsui Yun-pui in the only singles tie of the day. Had he not conceded a lead of 4-1 in the final set, he might have caused Tsui greater anxiety than he actually did. He finished the fresher of the two in spite of having had more running to do, and there was little difference between the stroking of the two at that stage. But the lead which he had established proved useful to Tsui, who could afford to lose a couple of games to reserve himself for the final effort.

At one time the scores had been tied at 4-4 in the third set, with the issue very open. The threatened upset did not materialise, however, and Tsui won the next two games for the set and to enter the quarter-finals.

Tsui Yun-pui is generally regarded as a certainty for the final, as there seems to be little opposition for him in the top half, but he will have to show better form and greater stamina if he is to justify this faith in him.

TO DAY'S PROGRAMME

Owing to the fact that the doubles match has been postponed, to-day's stand court game will be in the singles between Lee Wal-long and J. M. A. Razack.

The following is the full programme:

Open Singles	
Lee Wal-long v. J. M. A. Razack	(stand court)
Handicap Doubles	
It. J. Scott and Comdr. Rust v. T. C. Monahan and V. R. Gordon	
H. D. Bidwell and A. T. Dow v. E. E. Story and J. Ferguson	
Mixed Doubles	
Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldsman v. Lt. J. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill	

Here's Luck!

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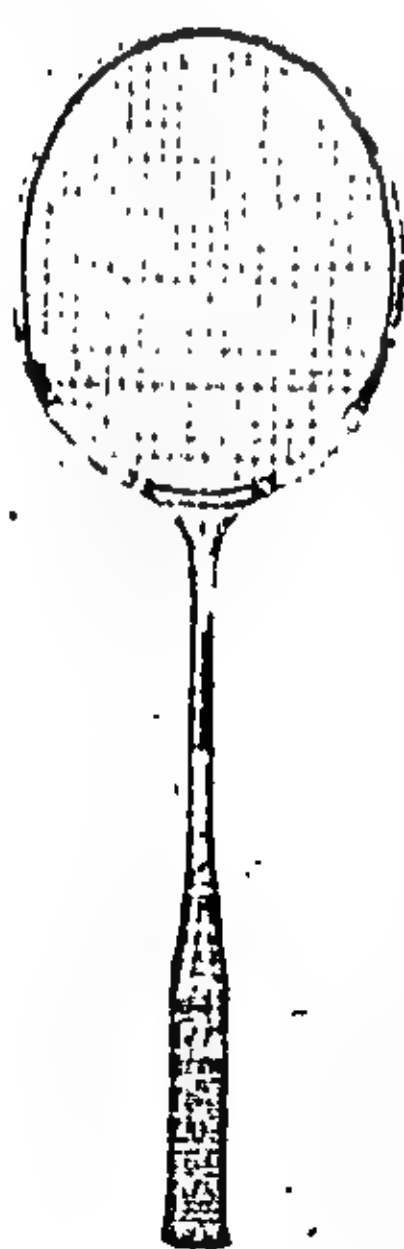
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- 1938. West Sussex: Winner.
- 1939. Scottish Championships: Semi-Finalist.
- 1939. Kent Championships: Winner.
- 1939. Leicestershire Championships: Winner.
- 1939. Nottinghamshire Championships: Winner.
- 1939. All-Ireland Championships: Winner.
- 1939. Sussex Championships: Winner.
- 1939. All-England Championships: Semi-Finalist.



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A scene in the South China goal-mouth in the Kowloon Cup soccer match on Monday between the South China A.A. and the Army. Cheung Wing-chol, the Chinese goal-keeper, just beats Calvert, the Army centre-forward, to the ball.—Staff Photographer.

NANCY



WAR TO BE WAGED ON "SUPER WICKETS"

Aftermath Of The Recent Timeless Test At Durban

Edinburgh, Mar. 15.

The neatest comment so far on timeless Test matches appears to be that made by Herbert Sutcliffe, discussing the game at Durban yesterday. "Perhaps," he said, "in the next series of Tests they will play one innings in England and another in South Africa."

It will be taken as encouraging news by most people, however, that something is to be done about Test match wickets. Sir Pelham Warner, speaking yesterday, said:—

"This problem of wickets is undergoing careful consideration, and I think that before the summer a definite move will be made to make the fight between bat and ball more even."

Sir Pelham had led up to this remark by saying: "There is a lot of rash talk about timeless Tests, but they are making the game more a test of endurance. Personally I would like to see five-day Tests in England and six-day matches in Australia and South Africa. It seems that the character of the play in these matches has changed in recent years, and that many batsmen disregard their natural methods for unnecessary caution. In addition, the wickets are much too good. I am told that those in South Africa this winter have been marvellously perfect."

M.C.C. PLAYERS MOBBED

There is also told of a war on wickets from Australia. A big effort to speed up wickets in Sydney is to be made by the New South Wales Association. The authorities of all grounds on which grade cricket is played have been asked for reports from their groundsmen, giving the following information:—

1. Methods adopted in preparing wickets; weight of roller; soil used, etc.

2. Opinions on methods of making wickets faster.

Later, it is intended to hold a conference of groundsmen to discuss the matter generally.

It is generally agreed that the slow wickets have had their influence on batting, and have resulted in a falling-off in stroke play.

As regards the closing scenes at Durban, the M.C.C. players were given a boisterous farewell when they left by train for Cape Town.

Many officials and past and present Springbok players gathered to see them off. The players were nearly mobbed by the huge crowd, and when the train left on the first stage of their homeward journey they were given a series of tremendous cheers.

South African critics generally are antagonistic towards timeless Test matches, though one or two of them point out that the match was not dull.

"GRIM CONDITIONS"

The Natal Mercury's cricket writer says:—"South Africa is entitled to 100 per cent. marks for the wonder-

ful way in which her players adapted themselves to the grim conditions to which they were not accustomed.

"Words cannot adequately give credit to the astounding revival on Friday, yesterday, and to-day, but the finish added a taste of grotesque to a match which had already touched the heights of absurdity."

Nelson, in the Rand Daily Mail maintains that England were, on the whole, the better side, but South Africa were not far behind. "Unless the Imperial Cricket Conference can find some satisfactory solution regarding over-prepared wickets, very few Tests in future will be completed in four days," he said.

"The great individual achievements by both sides were eclipsed by fantastic cricket played on a freak wicket that cheapened Test match values," said Louis Duffus. "Rain twice rejuvenated the pitch, which was too good when the match started. This wicket—something of a nine-day wonder—should change cricket history. Neither the loss, the stoical endurance of the South Africans, nor the bulldog resolution of the English batsmen proved of any avail. The great lesson learned from the match is the need for the reform of super-wickets."

AUSTRALIANS UNREPENTANT

Despite what happened at Durban, the majority of Australians are unrepentantly in favour of timeless Test matches in order to assure decisions.

A. G. Moyes in the Sydney Sun says it is pure camouflage and nonsense to suggest that timeless Tests must necessarily breed sleeping sickness and a suppression of all instincts of batsmanship, while Alan Kippax, the former Test player, says that Tests should be played out, but that sportsmen wickets are needed to give the bowlers a 50-50 chance. On the other hand, C. G. Macartney, another old internationalist, says that timeless Test matches will soon spell the doom of Test cricket.

A.R.P. AMENDMENT

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that all persons in possession of A.R.P. Handbook No. 2 (Third Edition) should amend the last paragraph of page four to read as follows:—

"Nasal douching with warm weak sodium bicarbonate solution (60 grs. to one pint) is sometimes helpful."

JOVIAL WALLACE BEERY



Wallace Beery, whose theatrical start was with a circus, is now one of the top-notch stars in the motion picture field. His most recent picture is with Ritzky Rooney in "Stablemates."

PONIES CLASSIFIED

Latest Alterations Made In Local Lists

The following alterations and additions have been made to the pony classification lists issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club on March 20:

Australian ponies—Murrumbidgee and Scarlett O'Hara to "B" Class; A Roaring Time and Baffin Bay to "C" Class.

China ponies—Jennifer to "B" Class; Cubin Love, Georgia, Gold Coin, Green Day, Jack O'Lantern, King's Worthy, Night View, Sea Horse, Welcome and Wild Cat to "D" Class.

RACE PROGRAMME

Events For Third Extra Meeting On April 22

The following is the programme for the Third Extra Race Meeting, which will be held at Happy Valley on April 22:—

1.—2.00 p.m.—St. Kilda Handicap.—For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Ponies of this Season, barred. Jockey Allowance. Six Furlongs.

2.—2.30 p.m.—Canton Handicap.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "B" Class. Ponies of this Season, barred. Jockey Allowance. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Canton Handicap (Races Nos. 2 and 3). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

3.—3.00 p.m.—St. George's Plate.—A Handicap for Ponies of this Season. Ponies classified "A" Class, barred. Jockey Allowance. One and a Quarter Miles.

4.—3.30 p.m.—Fatsan Handicap.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Six Furlongs.

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Fatsan Handicap (Races Nos. 4 and 5). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

5.—4.00 p.m.—Broken Hill Handicap.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Winners of \$500 or less in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

6.—4.30 p.m.—Canton Handicap.—Second Section. (See Race No. 2).

7.—5.00 p.m.—Fatsan Handicap.—Second Section. (See Race No. 4).

8.—5.30 p.m.—Hobart Stakes.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Winners of more than \$500 in stakes, barred. Weight: 10 lb. under weight for inches. 2 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Jockey Allowance. From the 1½ Mile Post (About Half Mile

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Wah Yan Past Students To Hold Meeting

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its second Annual Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill (S.C.A.A. Ground) by kind permission on April 30. The first event will be run off at 11 a.m.

There will be a 400-Metre Relay Race open to the Colony, and teams that desire to participate should send in their names before April 20 to Mr. Tam Sik-poon c/o South China Morning Post. A 100-Metre Race will be held specially for people working in the Press (English or Chinese), post entries only.

Members of the Association should get in touch with Mr. Tam if they intend to join in the sports, before April 20. Further particulars and full details of the programme will be announced in due course by the Sports Sub-Committee.

HSINKING MEET

Tokyo, Apr. 11. The plan for the international athletic meet between Japan, Manchukuo and China was elaborated at a meeting of sports officials on Monday afternoon.

According to the plan, the tripartite international meet will take place at Hsinking, capital of Manchukuo for three days from September 1. Two players from each country will compete in each of 15 athletic events, including 100-metre, 400-metre, 800-metre, 1,500-metre, and 10,000-metre running, 500-metre and 1,000-metre relay races, high hurdles, shotput, discus-throw, javelin-throw, running broad jump, hop, step and jump, pole-jump, and running high jump.

Football, basketball, and volleyball matches will also take place.—Dowry.

KISHI MEMORIAL PRIZE

Tokyo, Apr. 11. Kohel Murakoshi, the Japanese distance runner who successfully competed in the 5,000-metre and 10,000-metre races in the Berlin Olympic meet in 1936, has been awarded the Kishi Memorial Prize for the best achievement in sports for 1938. It was announced by the Japan Athletic Federation to-day.

The Kishi Prize has been established to the memory of the late Dr. Kishi, former Japanese member of the International Olympic Committee and the pioneer of Japan's sporting world.—Dowry.

170 Yards).
9.—6.00 p.m.—Kongnam Stakes.—For China Ponies, Subscription Griffling of this Club of this Season. Winners of more than \$250 in stakes, barred. Weight for inches as per scale. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).
Daily Double Event.—Fifth and Seventh Races.
Entries close at Noon on Thursday, 13th April 1939.

Chinese Team For Sunday's Final

The following will represent China in the International "Sunday Herald" Cup final on Sunday against Portugal at Sookunpoo, starting at 4 p.m.:—

Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Tinsang, Hou Yung-sang; Kwok Ying-kee, Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Kwok-wai; Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shiu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Kentucky Moonshine" (King's, to-day).—The Ritz brothers prove that burlesque is their medium in the funniest picture they have made to date. They play three Brooklyn actors who go to Kentucky with Marjorie Weaver to be "discovered" by Tony Martin, radio singer and master of ceremonies. In Ritzzy fashion, they make fun of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," hillbillies and newscasters. The musical numbers are attractive.

"Stablemates" (Queen's, to-day).—An effable hokum from the MGM studios. The champion muggers and scene-stealers of the lot—Wallace Beery and Mickey Rooney—make an excellent team in this sentimental story of a drunken derelict veterinarian and an unemployed jockey. Arthur Hohl, Margaret Hamilton, Minor Watson and Marjorie Gateson have the principal supporting parts.

"Empress Wu Chieh-tien" (Athlone, to-day).—Lavish and spectacular presentation of a thrilling episode in ancient Chinese history. Directed by the man who made "Sable Clcade," it is the highwater mark in Chinese film production. Mandarin dialect with English sub-titles.

"Shopworn Angel" (Oriental, to-day).—Remake of a film based on a story called "Private Pettigrew's Girl," telling how a "chorus" girl married a doughboy so that he might carry his (mistaken) ideal of her to the trenches—where he was killed, allowing her to return to her playboy. Margaret Sullivan, James Stewart and Walter Pidgeon have the leading parts.

"Mademoiselle Docteur" (Majestic, to-day).—Characteristic Edmond Greville touches of direction in a German spy story which is no better than it should be, with Dita Parlo, John Loder and Erich von Stroheim.

Win For Britain At Rink Hockey

Montreux, Apr. 11. The World and European Rink Hockey championship final resulted in Britain, the holder, winning both titles and beating Italy 4-1, thus winning all six matches.

Britain was unbeaten in the international competition for 12 years. Portugal met Italy earlier. In the match Portugal was declared the winner by 2-1, but Italy protested the match, which was replayed privately, when Italy won by 6-1.—Reuter.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes, and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 22nd April, 1939 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 13th April, 1939.

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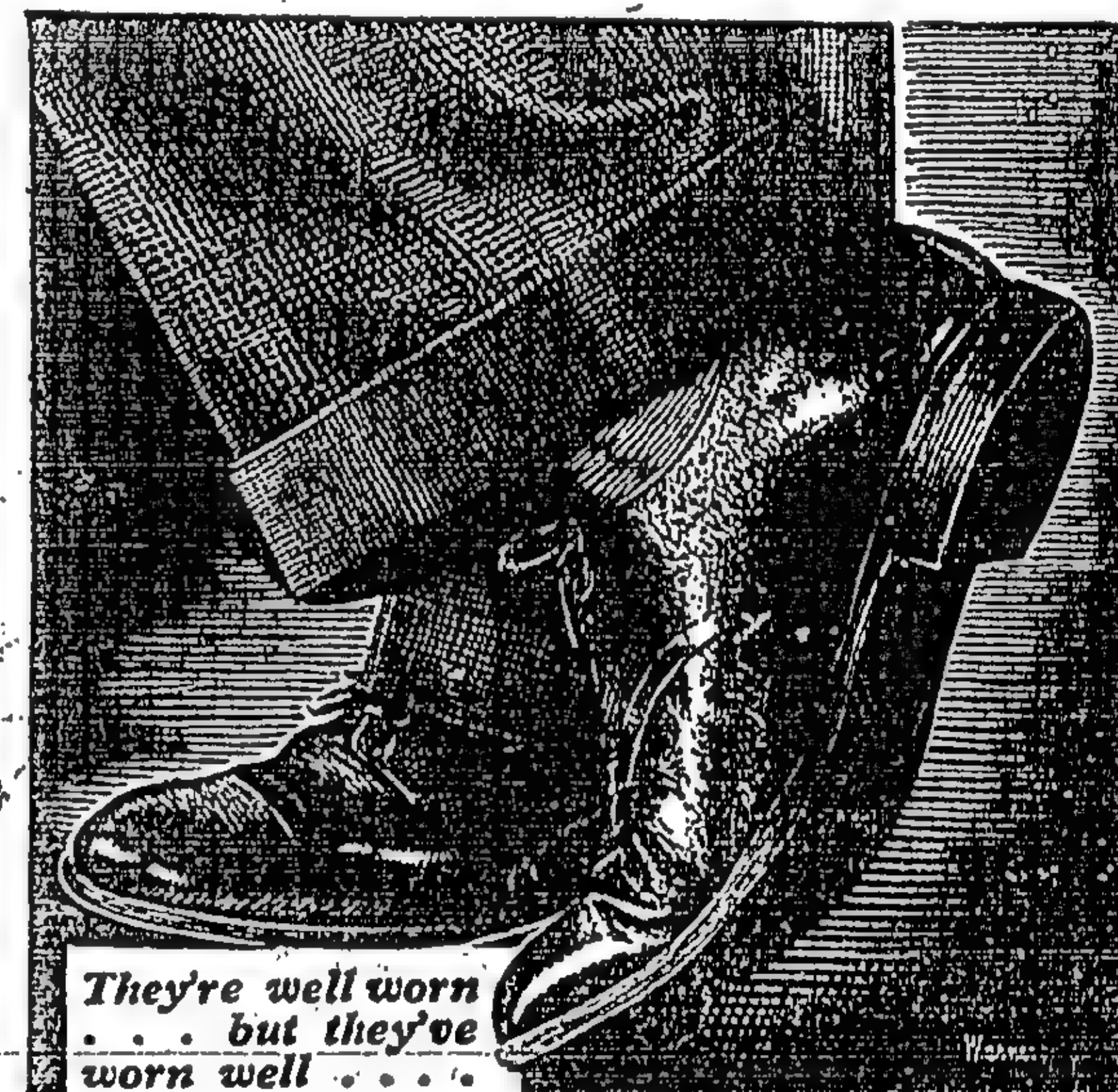
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Apart from its smartness it is wonderfully light, warm and comfortable to wear.

Gros-grain

HERMES has created a blouse to be worn under a classic tailored suit. It is in violet gros-grain; this stuff has so much body that it can be worked by a tailor.

It has a little straight collar, is buttoned all the way down the front, and ends like a man's waistcoat.

The sleeves are simple, short and untripped.

There is also a real waistcoat, without sleeves or collar, of "pigeon throat" make, in changing tones, closed by three antique little buttons. It recalls the waistcoats worn by men in the eighteenth century.

Jockey Colours

THERE are blouses inspired by the costumes of jockeys. In thick, dull crepe, pale yellow in colour, one has a ruled collar of the same crepe in warm brown; a wide band of brown crosses the blouse from top to bottom diagonally in front and at the back. The sleeves are yellow, and end in a cuff like that of a man's shirt. And another blouse, half in rose satin, half in violet satin is even more like a jockey's shirt.

Among the original blouses is a model created by Lanvin called "Apoche." It is a strict "shirt-maker's" blouse in black crepe de chine with long sleeves, three vertical pleats at the yoke held in a red scarf.

Fine Work

CHIFFON is the great favourite for afternoon blouses. It is worked in every way and used in all colours. Margaret is the great specialist in this type of blouse. One of her favourite models is a "miracle of patience."

Flower Buttons

PAQUIN chooses chiffon in a tone of deep violet to make a blouse with a round décolleté from which parts a gathered jabot, recalling those of French barristers. It is gathered into a sort of corset at the waist.

This house uses dove-grey satin, so light that it is almost silver, for a blouse to be worn with a grey suit. The décolleté is irregular, ending in a point under the left shoulder. The blouse is closed with three buttons in the shape of flowers made in gilt metal with turquoise hearts.

The long sleeves are trimmed with a group of folds at the elbow and end in a deep cuff.

Musky Rouff advocates high collars and certain of them have light flexible boning.

Even ribbon has been used to make blouses. I very much admired one that was made in fawn ribbon in tones shading from lavender to deep violet.

Cod Roe Dishes

HERE are two appetising ways of cooking this delicious sea-food.

Roe Soufflé

1 lb roe (boiled),
2 ozs fresh bread-crumbs,
2 eggs,
1/2 pint milk,
1 oz butter,
1 oz grated cheese,
Salt and pepper.
Boil the milk and pour over the bread-crumbs and butter, season and allow to cool slightly. Soak the roe and chop it in very small pieces, add it to the bread-crumbs mixture with the beaten egg yolks.

Whip up the egg whites and fold into the mixture. Grease some individual fireproof dishes and fill three-quarters full of soufflé mixture, sprinkle with cheese and bake in a hot oven for 20-25 minutes.

Roe Rarebits

3/4 lb roe (boiled),
3/4 lb grated cheese,
1 oz butter or margarine.

Paris.

Jabot and cuffs of pleated muslin add a touch of glamour to this blouse—also of white satin.—(Maggie Rouff.)



The ribbons were placed horizontally and slightly overlapping with the lavender at the neck and the colour shading into deep violet, the colour of the skirt, at the bottom of the blouse.

Invalids Seldom Welcome Tactless Visitors

NO ONE in the world loves to laugh more than I do but I weary of "wise-cracks." I also have a feeling that everyone does cracking books, so many wise-cracking radio programmes, not to mention movies and plays and people, that one longs for the companionship of the com-who has had an ounce of experience the humourless. You know the type—the one who is always boasting about, and thanking God for, a sort of field day, one is neither com- have one are not so sure that it is anything to be thankful for.

Having been wallowing in wise-cracks lately I can still laugh at Margaret Fishback's very sage and savoury book called "Safe Conduct," with the subtitle, "When to Behave and Why."

"Etiquette," says the author, "needs a thorough overhauling, with new parts in the crumple." She then proceeds to do just that with neatness and dispatch and rather more than a vein of humour.

Yet it's a book with a kindly and definite purpose since it really does straighten out any knotty questions of etiquette that may have come your way.

SICKROOM ETIQUETTE

The book is both very funny and very helpful, just the sort to send to a sick friend who needs a good laugh more than sympathy.

And speaking of sick friends, has it ever occurred to you how terribly at our mercy they are?

Word gets around that someone we know is ill; off we rush bent on intruding ourselves upon them whether or not. And what is the poor invalid to do? It's impossible to send out word that she is out, and she can't sleep all the time. There comes a time when the vigilance committee bent on visiting the sick accomplishes its purpose, whether or not the invalid wants their society.

A whole volume could, and should, be written on the subject of consideration for the sick, who, goodness knows, have enough to bear without having to be polite to bores along with their other troubles. Miss Fishback muffed that one, but one gets a faint idea of what her advice might be from her "Forewarned is Forearmed" chapter, which starts off with the uncompromising statement that "people who drop in at friends' homes without telephoning, or somehow declaring their intentions, are sadly misguided. David McCord's comment on such impostors is, 'Even a rattler rattles before it strikes.'"

SOUND THE ALARM

From this I gather that she believes it is advisable to send out some sort of alarm before intruding on an invalid's privacy, a notion which is seconded by anyone

School Saves Landmark

Prescott, Ariz. A monument to the earliest supervised education in the state, Arizona's first school, a cement plastered log house, will stand untouched as workmen tear down some of Prescott's oldest buildings to make way for a new high school and gymnasium.

Hot milk.
Salt and pepper.
6 small slices of toast.
Soak the roe and mash it down with a fork, spread a thin layer on each piece of hot buttered toast.
Melt the butter and add it to the cheese with sufficient hot milk to make a stiff paste. Spread a layer on top of the roe toasts and place under the grill for a few minutes to allow the cheese to brown.

Elleen.

Weary Eyes Cause Lines

CALLING crows'-feet "laugh lines" or "character lines" is kind. Sometimes they are these, of course, but more often they merely indicate eyes trying too hard to overcome defective vision or combat continual strain.

New hat and hat styles, new make-up—everything calls for eyes that are young, brilliant, lively. And the skin surrounding them should be smooth and soft, as clear in tone as the rest of your complexion. Your forehead should be unfurrowed and there should be no vertical grooves over the bridge of your nose. If you have any of the above faults, ask yourself honestly if you haven't refused to face the possibility that you might need glasses.

Even though you do not need glasses, your eyes require care and attention. If you want to keep your good vision and the beauty and expressiveness of your eyes. First, you should learn to rest your eyes frequently. Sufficient sleep is as good for your eyes as it is for the rest of your body.

During your waking hours, especially when working at a job that requires concentration, close your eyes for a few seconds from time to time. You know how, when you are tired, your eyes have a way of blinking, in spite of your efforts to keep them open. This is nature's way of relaxing them.

You know, too, the old advice about shifting your eyes from any close work, such as reading or sewing, and looking at a distant object to change their focus. Do you do it? This is a splendid form of exercise for the eyes, if you do it consciously.

Bathe your eyes, too, as faithfully as you wash your face. Buy a good eye lotion if you wish, or make your own less expensively by dissolving boric acid powder in boiled water—as much boric acid as will go into solution.

When your eyes are unusually tired or abused, warm some of the solution and bathe them first with the warm, then with some of the cold liquid. This is refreshing if you are tired.

Further the soothing effect of the eye baths by dipping pads of cotton in the warm solution and lying down for 10 or 15 minutes, your eyes closed and the warm wet pads pressed over them.

APRICOT STUFFING

HERE is a good stuffing which may be used for fowls.—Steam till tender 1/2 lb of dried apricots which have previously been well soaked. Allow them to cool and then chop finely.

Make a stuffing with 2 cups of fine white bread-crumbs, 1/2 cup of biscuit crumbs, 1/4 cup of butter, and salt and pepper to season.

Now add one tablespoon of chopped parsley and the apricots. Mix to a paste with the hands.

B. M.



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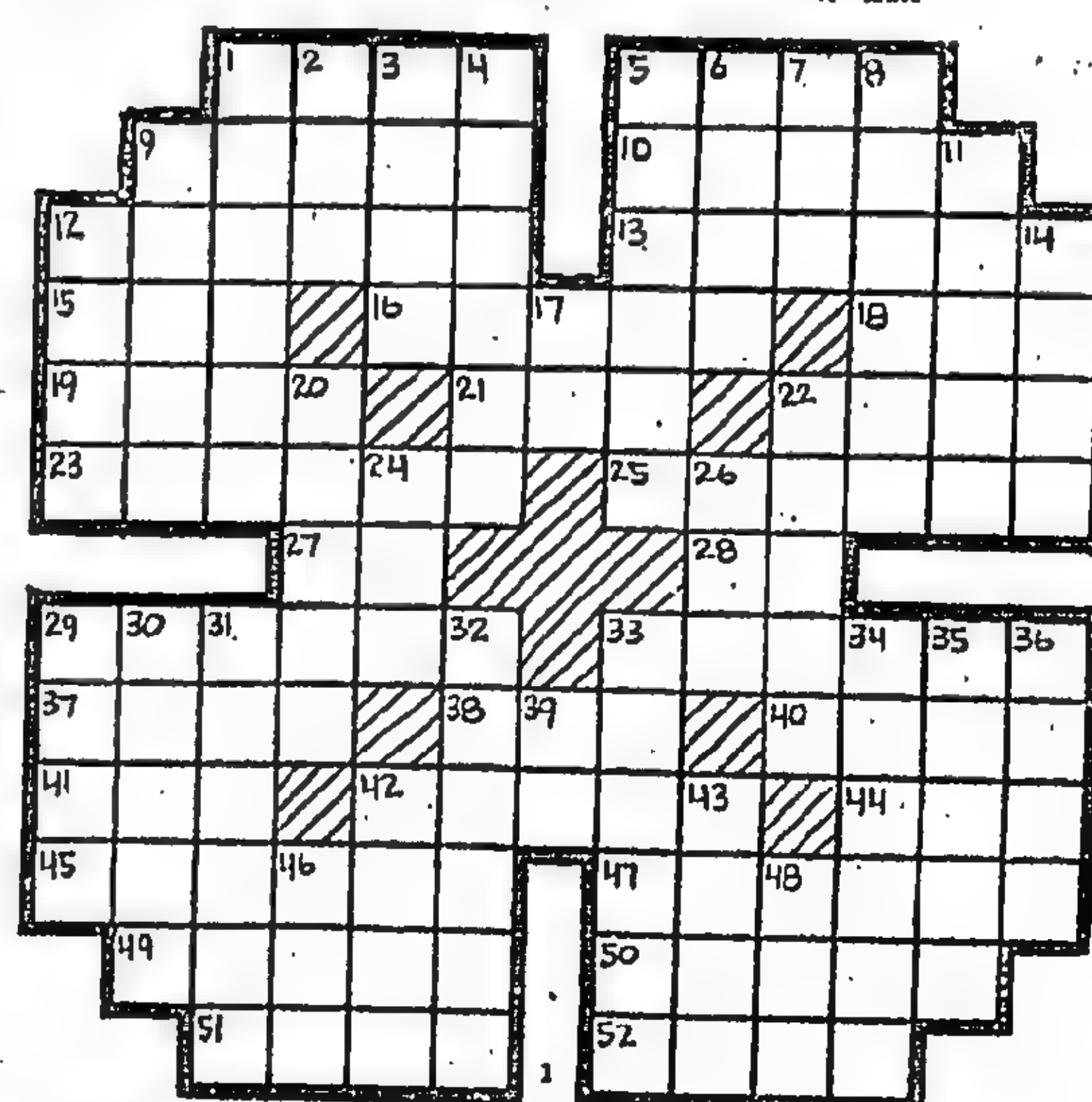


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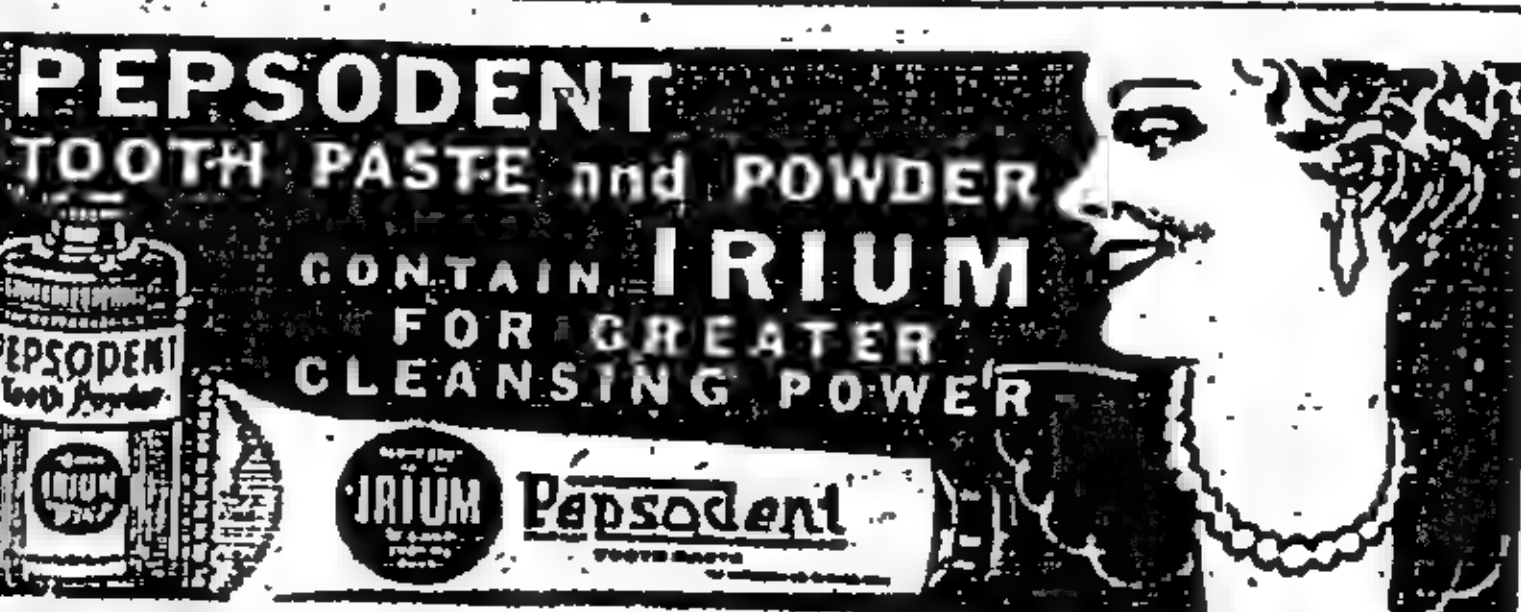
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| ACROSS | DOWN |
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| 3—Swindled intensely | 33—Jockey |
| 4—Landed sea serpent | 34—John (German) |
| 5—Appointed | 35—Footballer (col.) |
| 6—Irregular tribe | 36—Small bottle |
| 7—Atmosphere | 37—Perfect |
| 8—Indicate | 38—Do you know? |
| 9—Liberian native | 39—Melodist |
| 10—Fondation | 40—Ode |
| 11—Animal | 41—Lunacy |
| 12—Chances | 42—Fundamental |
| 13—Falls to move | 43—Homes |
| 14—Lovers | 44—Small horse |
| 15—Vapors | 45—Stones coins |
| 16—Sweepstakes | 46—Mistakes |
| 17—Name deer | 47—Care for domination |
| 18—Part of mouth | 48—Dug with spade |
| 19—City's name | 49—Have confidence in |
| 20—Over (poetry) | 50—Living sensor |
| 21—Feminine title | 51—Ward |
| 22—Large case | 52—Unrefined |
| 23—Part of solar system | 53—Mistake |
| 24—Death | |
| 25—Crash | |
| 26—Crash into effect | |



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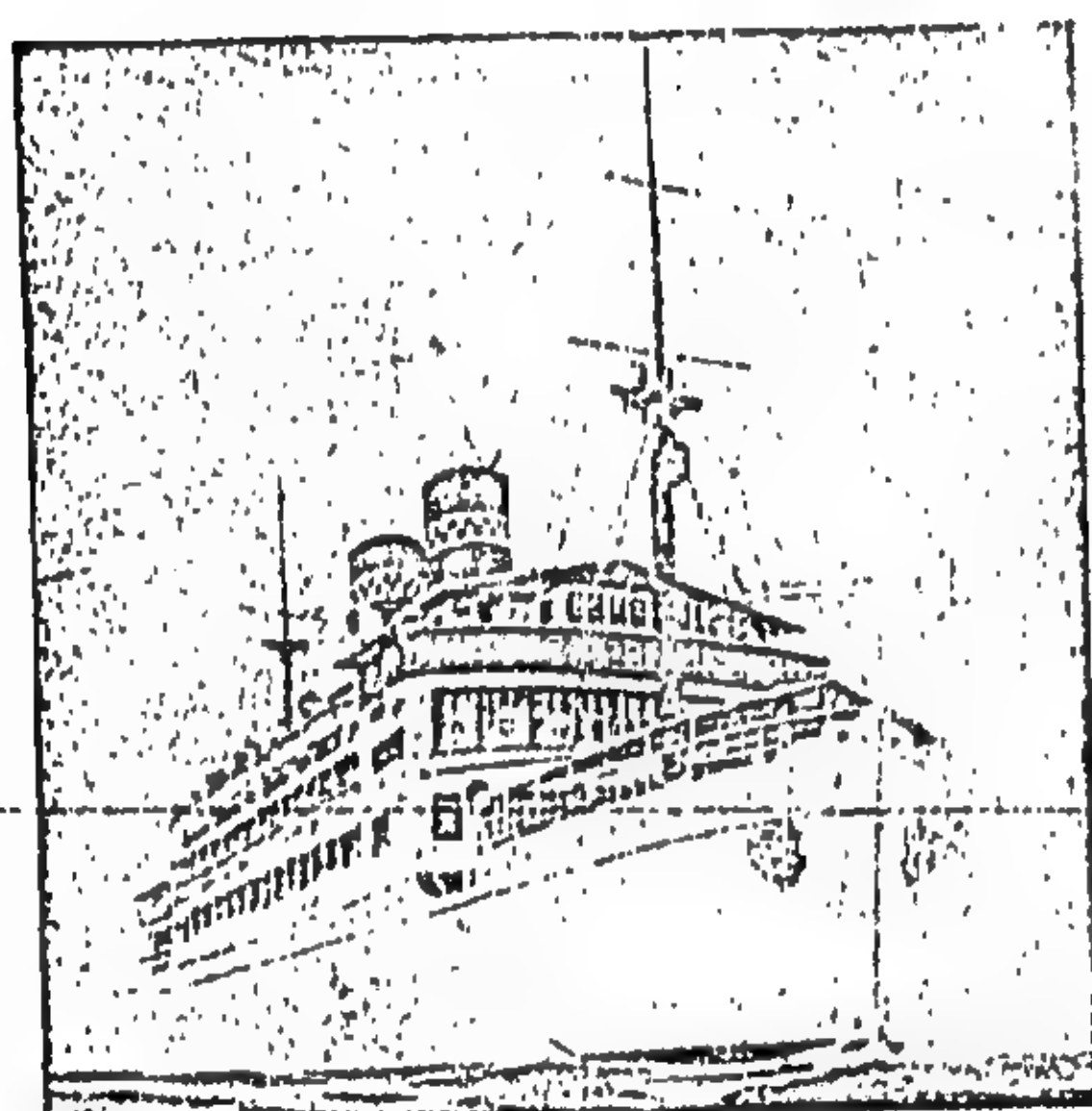
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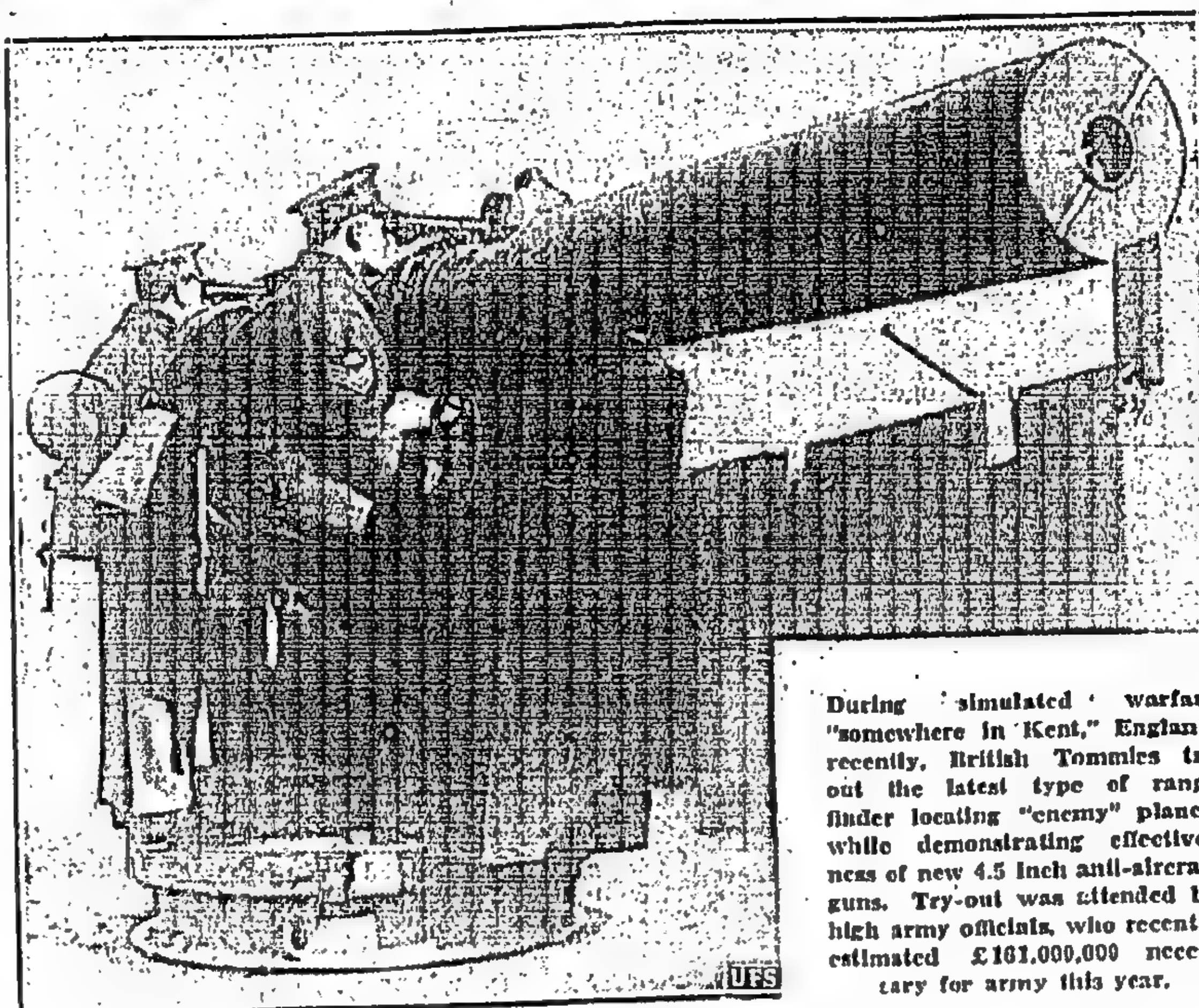
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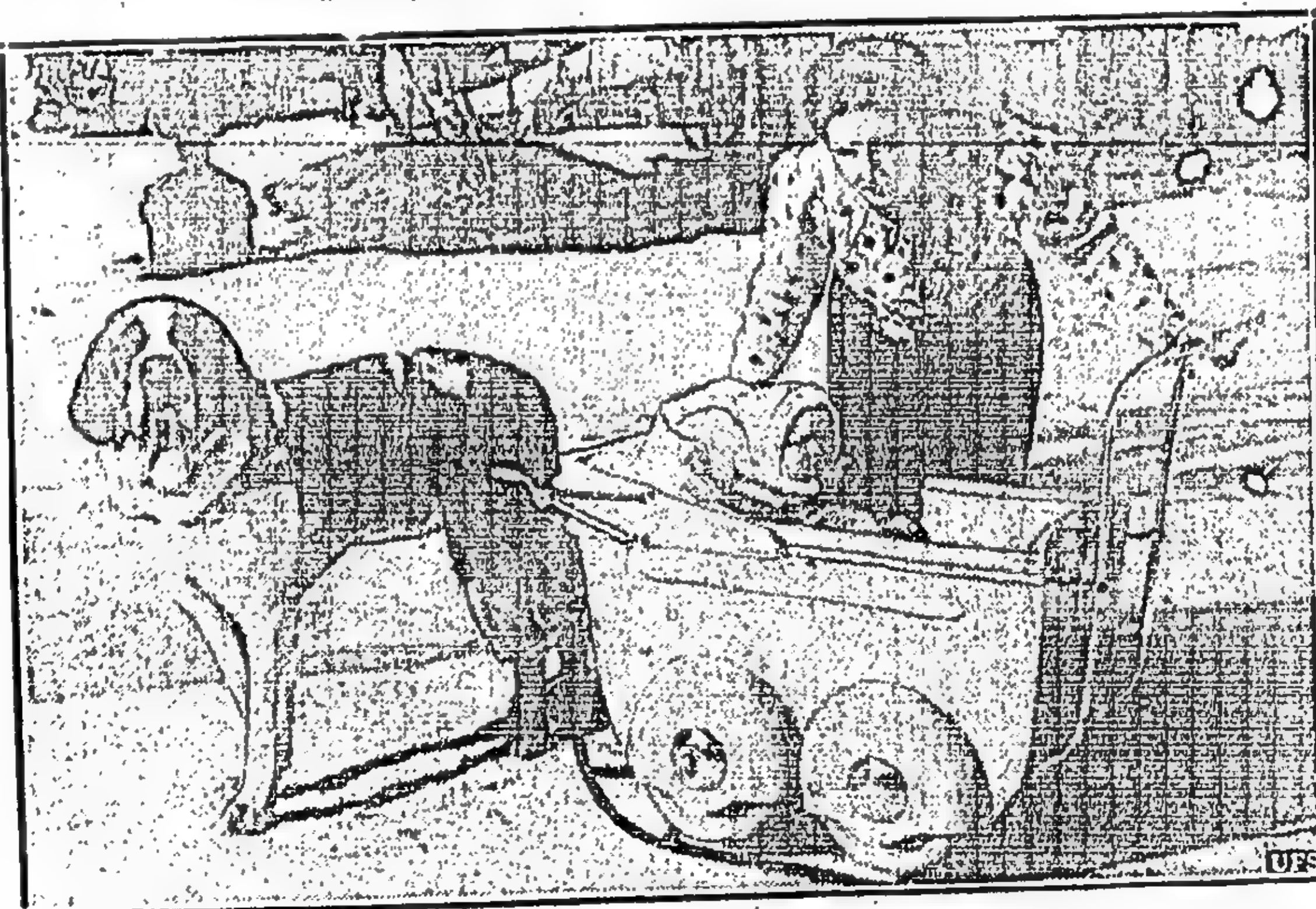
During simulated warfare "somewhere in Kent," England, recently, British Tommies try out the latest type of range finder locating "enemy" planes, while demonstrating effectiveness of new 4.5 inch anti-aircraft guns. Try-out was attended by high army officials, who recently estimated £161,000,000 necessary for army this year.



This is the English actress Vivien Leigh (pronounced Lee) portraying the role of Scarlett O'Hara in the movie version of "Gone With the Wind." The long-delayed picture is now in process of filming in Hollywood.



Mrs. Eve Curie, attractive daughter and biographer of the discoverer of radium, arriving in New York. She said she had come to take a "real look" at America.



Enjoying a holiday in Grindelwald, Switzerland, Crown Princess Juliana of The Netherlands makes little Princess Beatrix comfortable before starting out for a walk with a St. Bernard to help.



With the threat of war ever present in Europe, Paris begins digging on the site of the old fortifications which encircled the city for a ring of bombproof shelters accommodating 50,000. Shelters will be covered with concrete and camouflaged as gardens.

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German Press In Full Cry

BERLIN, Apr. 11. ALTHOUGH THE German press is in full cry against Britain, political activity was paralysed by the Easter holidays, and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop is the only leading Minister at present in Berlin.

The talk of troop movements towards the Polish frontier is categorically denied officially, and is not confirmed by reliable unofficial reports.

It is thought that the return of German troops from Bohemia and Moravia may have been misinterpreted as unusual troop movements.

Britain Accused

Britain is accused of wantonly disturbing the Easter peace, and the calling up of the Dutch frontier battalions is described as a consequence of the artificial hysteria in Berlin.

"Zweifelsblatt" declares: "The peak of Democratic effrontery has been reached" with the alleged concentration of British warships.

The "Angriff" ridicules the Mediterranean fleet movements, and says that it must not be thought that the Axis Powers will calmly countenance any territorial experiment by Britain.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" warns the democracies against intervening in places like the Balkans where they have no interests to protect. The paper says that the same risks arise there as in Central Europe.—Reuter Special.

Two Weddings

Two Chinese weddings took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

Mr. Yu Fook-choi, merchant, married Miss Yau Yee-won, of 50 Bridges Street, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. Yau Sul-ki and Ng Yee-chiu.

Lieut.-Col. Yan Chik, of the Chinese Central Government, took as his wife Miss Chan Pk, of 11 D'Agall Street, Hongkong. Messrs. Fung Ngai and Yan Cheuk-hin acted as witnesses.

Weddings Arranged

Three Chinese couples have announced their forthcoming weddings. They are Mr. Ma Yue-kuang, mechanical engineer, and Miss Eva Tam, of the Public Dispensary, Kowloon City; Mr. Lee Kwok-wing, draughtsman, and Miss Ng Kwai-yuk, of 40 Nullah Road, Kowloon; and Mr. Chen Hoi-yin, police interpreter, and Miss To Sin-chun, of 64 High Street, Hongkong.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 11.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	7.00/00	7.00/00
July	7.78/78	7.78/78
October	7.49/49	7.49/49
December	7.42b/44a	7.44/44
January	7.42b/44a	7.43/43
March	7.47/47	7.48/48
Spot		7.48/48

New York Rubber

	May	September	December	March
	10.00/00	15.30b/62a	15.83/85	15.85/85
	15.97/97	15.85/85	15.85/85	15.85/85

To-day's Sales: 3,170 tons.

Chicago Wheat

	May	July	September
	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2
	67 1/2/67 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2

Monday's Sales: 9,737,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	May	July	September
	47 1/2/47 1/2	47 1/2/47 1/2	47 1/2/47 1/2
	49 1/2/49 1/2	49 1/2/49 1/2	49 1/2/49 1/2

Monday's Sales: 50 1/2/50 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

	May	July	October
	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2
	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market opened very quietly after the Easter recess and remained so throughout the day. Only a very small turnover was reported at prices round the opening quotations.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank 91.300
Canton Insurance 223
Union Insurance 443
H.K. Lands 233 1/2
Canton Ice 20.90
Entertainment 24
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Lot 44 1/2
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Lot 44 1/2

Sellers
Hongkong Bank 91.300
H.K. Fire Insurance 183
H.K. Lands 233 1/2
China Light 20 1/2
Dairy Farms 18 1/2
Annam 24 1/2
Raffles 24 1/2
Benquet Consolidated 11.70
Coco Grove 33 1/2
Demonstrations 13
I. X. L. 50
Hogons 24 1/2
North Camarines 50
San Maurice 1.74
Suyoe 16
United Paracale 59

BRITISH CASH FOR BURMA LINE 40-Year-Old Railway Dream Coming True

LONDON, Apr. 11.

THE CHINESE Government's Purchasing Commission recently placed orders with British firms for £180,000-worth of all sorts of construction material for the Yunnan-Burma railway, which is actively being pressed on towards completion.

Further orders are now being negotiated.

The railway follows the route recommended by British engineers 40 years ago.

The "Times" correspondent, who recently motored over the Lashio-Kunming motor road, minutely describes his impressions, and observes: "This is a fine feat of Chinese engineering."

The total length from Lashio to the frontier is 124 miles, and from the frontier to Kunming 448 miles. Of the Chinese sector, 307 miles from Hsankwan to the frontier were only begun in October, 1937, and despite the altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 8,000 feet, the road was completed for light traffic in 14 months.

Unlimited Labour

The worst stretch is from Lung-ling to Salween Valley, crossing an 8,000 feet mountain barrier of very steep gradients, and almost impossible curves, with sheer drops of 2,000 feet on the outer side. Almost unlimited labour is now engaged on this part, but owing to the geological nature of the ground, landslides are frequent.

Monsoon Dangers

A suspension bridge, 280 feet wide which crosses Salween was only recently finished, and it is now being reconstructed for heavier vehicles.

The "Times" correspondent expresses the opinion that if the road is to stand heavy traffic during the monsoon season, it must have adequate drains cut on the inside and which lead under the road.

Nevertheless, he says, "the greatest credit is due to the Chinese engineers. One leaves Yunnan with the utmost admiration for the determination and courage of the Chinese."—Reuter.

Philippines Yacht Docks Here

The yacht "Don Estaban" arrived here last night from Manila for dry-docking. The vessel will be here for about two weeks, and is owned by the De La Rama Steamship Company. The ship brought many residents from Manila and Manila on a round trip jaunt.

Situation In Syria

Paris, Apr. 11. The High Commissioner for Syria arrived in Paris to-day to report to the Government on the situation in Syria.

It was due to see M. Bonnet this afternoon.—Reuter.

Chinese Envoy Sees Halifax

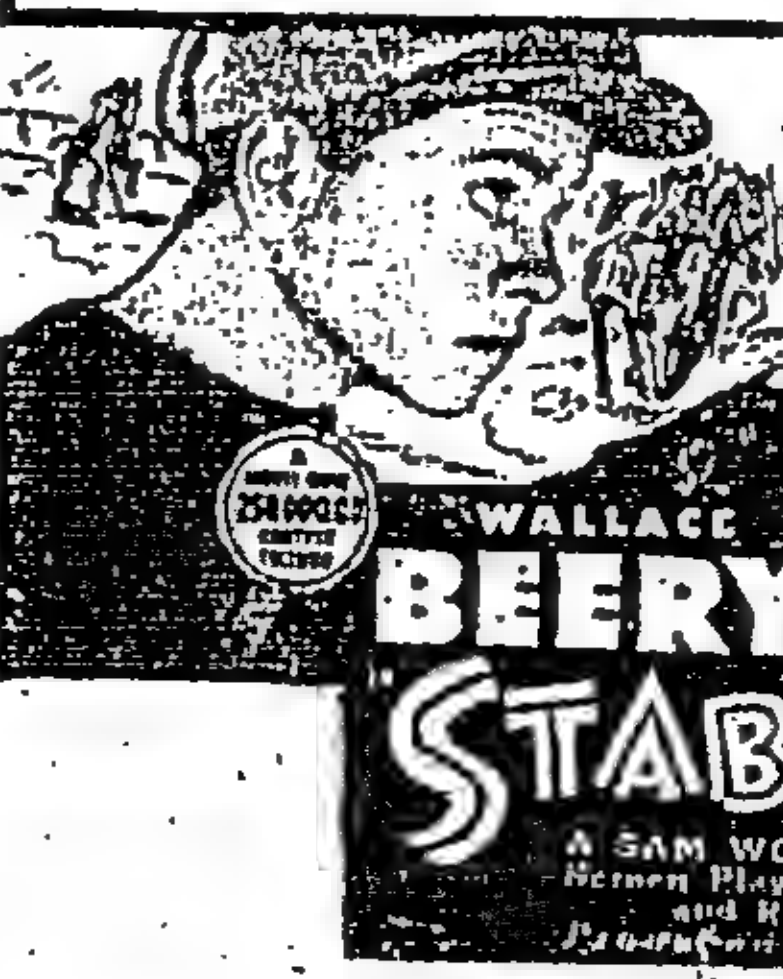
London, Apr. 11. Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, called at the Foreign Office this afternoon, and stayed nearly an hour.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S

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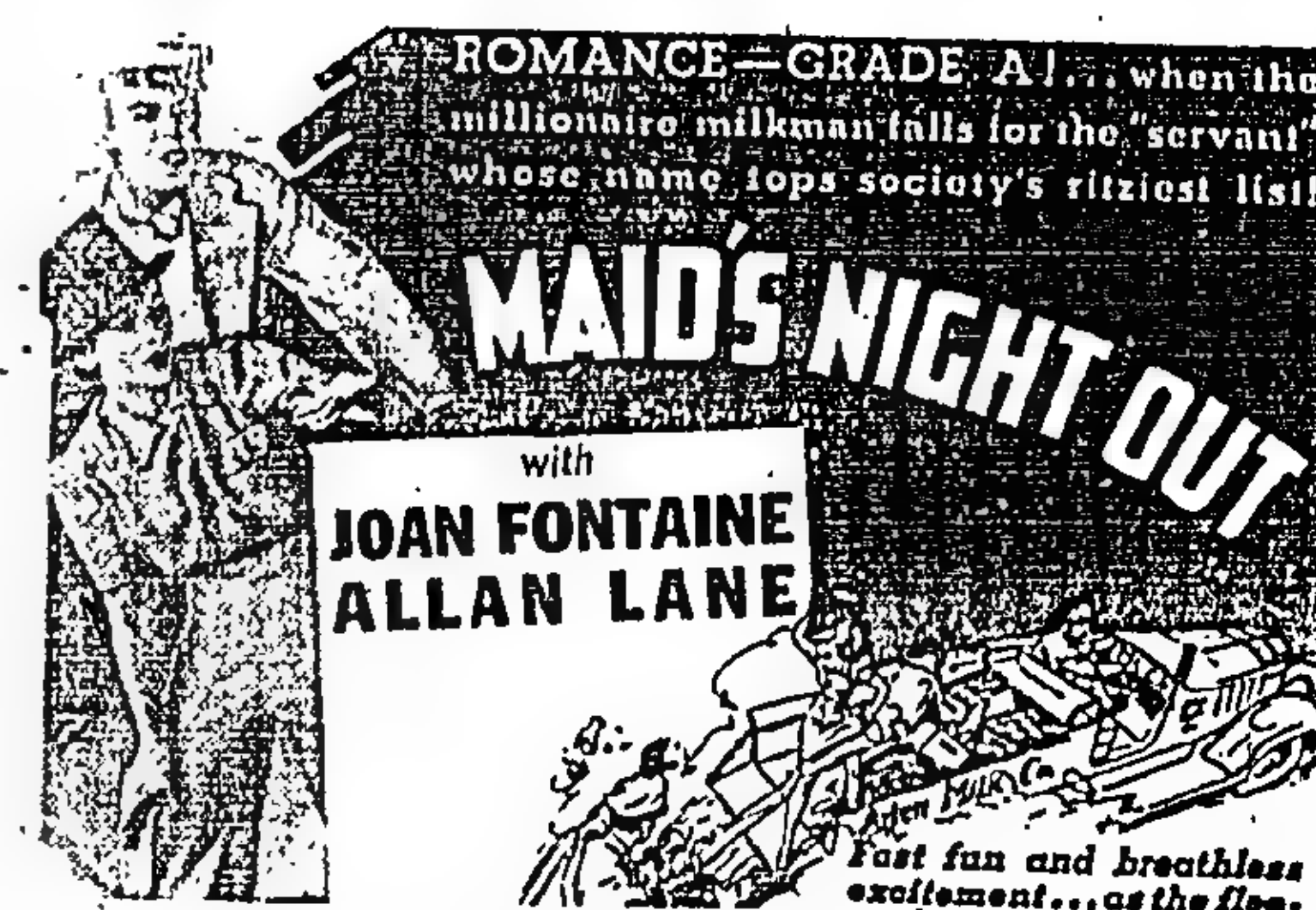
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MAJESTIC
THEATRE
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EVENINGS: 20c-30c-40c-50c-70c-80c-90c-1.00
NATHAN ROAD KOWLOON TEL. 57222

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
THE THRILLING LIFE-STORY OF THE FAMOUS WOMAN-SPY!



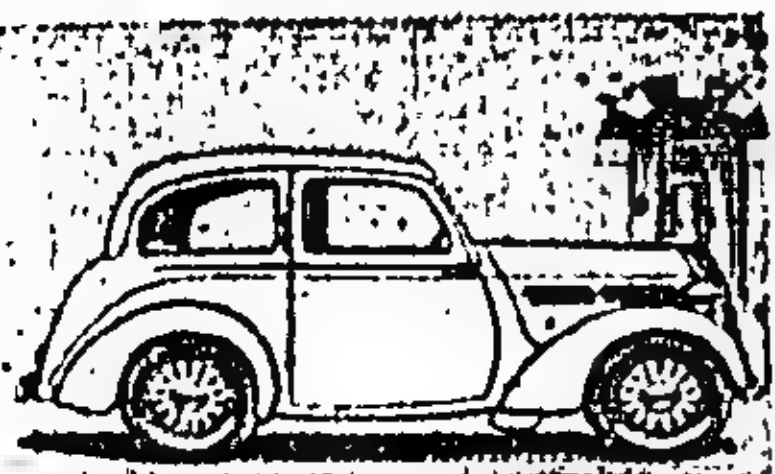
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KING GEORGE RETURNS TO LONDON FOR AUDIENCE WITH CHAMBERLAIN: VITAL STATEMENT TO-NIGHT

BRITISH WARSHIPS MASS NEAR GREECE AS PARLT. MEETS

LONDON, APR. 11.
UNDER STRICT ORDERS TO DOMINATE
STRATEGIC POINTS, THE BRITISH AND
FRENCH FLEETS ARE REPORTED TO BE
MASSING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

His Majesty the King has returned to London
from Windsor Castle, and the Prime Minister has
given His Majesty a full report on international
developments and Britain's defence preparations.

It will be recalled that in September last
year, the King returned to London specially to
sign the fleet mobilisation orders.

STATEMENT TO-NIGHT
British and French war-
ships are reported to be
massing off the entrance to
the Adriatic Sea while Mr.
Chamberlain is seeking a
last minute deal with Mus-
solini.

Mr. Chamberlain is reported
to be seeking an arrangement
whereby Italy's occupation of
Albania would be accepted if
Italy firstly, gives firm assu-
rances against an attack on
Greece and, secondly, promises to
immediately begin withdrawing
Italian troops from Spain.

MUSSOLINI TO CHOOSE NEW KING

ROME, Apr. 11.
INFORMED POLITICAL
circles understand that
after King Zog has been
deposed, a new King of
Albania will be chosen from
the House of Savoia.

The Duke of Aosta,
present Viceroy of Ethiopia,
is mentioned as a likely
candidate for the new
throne.—Domei.

It is believed that if an agree-
ment with Mussolini proves im-
possible, Mr. Chamberlain will
announce in the House of Commons
at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday (10.45
p.m. H.K.T.) that the British Gov-
ernment is prepared to enter into
full defensive alliances with Greece
and Turkey.

It is also forecast that the Govern-
ment will denounce the British-
Italian friendship pact, which pro-
vides for the maintenance of the
status quo in the Mediterranean.
The Admiralty has refused to
divulge any information regarding
fleet movements.—United Press.

Warships Off Greece

SKOPJE, Apr. 11.—Reliable re-
ports from Greece say that several
British warships are lying in the
harbour at Argostolion and at
Astako.—United Press.

Audience With King

London, Apr. 11.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain had an
audience with the King at Bucking-
ham Palace to-day. It lasted 30
minutes.

The Prime Minister returned to
Downing Street about 6.20 p.m. and
was cheered by big crowds.
The King returned immediately to
Windsor.

It is understood that the sole
reason of the King's visit to London
was to learn first-hand of the inter-
national development, and at the
same time to save the Premier
travelling to Windsor.

It is stated that the House of
Lords will meet at 3 p.m. on Thurs-
day, when Viscount Halifax will make
a statement in reply to a question by
Lord Snell, inviting a statement on
the international situation, with
particular reference to the Mediter-
ranean area.

The House of Commons will meet
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QUEEN GERALDINE

Albanian Queen Stricken

Fears For Life Of Zog's Wife

ATHENS, Apr. 12.
QUEEN GERALDINE
of Albania, who was forced
to flee from Tirana three
days after giving birth to
King Zog's heir, is reported
to be in a serious condition.
She is suffering from puer-
peral fever.

When the Italians suddenly
invaded Albania, the beautiful
Queen whose photograph is
reproduced above was forced to flee
over tortuous mountain paths.

She was so weak when she crossed
the frontier that she had to be car-
ried to her hotel on a stretcher.
A leading gynecologist was rush-
ed to her bedside this morning.
Later she became worse and has
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Big City Project Revealed

Praya Width To Be Doubled

THE START of a scheme
which may eventually
double the present width of
the Hong Kong Bund
between the Vehicular
Ferry and the Naval Dock-
yard and V.R.C. has been
put in hand by the Public
Works Department.

Surveyors and other experts
are now making layouts and
borings as the preliminary work
to reclaim land between Jubilee
Street Pier and Pottinger Street,
the first part of the scheme.

A total of \$585,000 is to be spent
on the preliminary reclamation
work, which is expected to be finished
at the end of next year. This year
\$150,000 will be spent.

It is hoped that the reclaimed land
will be used to relieve the present
congestion at the Vehicular ferry, one
of the most crowded spots in the city
district.

New Ferry Piers

New ferry piers, larger parking
spaces for buses and private cars
will be provided when the new land
has been reclaimed.

After the completion of this
work, it is expected that the re-
clamation will be proceeded with
gradually until the whole of the
Hong Kong Bund past the present
Star Ferry to the Naval Dockyard
has been widened.

North Point Work

The Public Works Department is
at the same time engaged in another
extensive reclamation project in the
North Point area.

A total of \$400,000 is being spent
over a period of years, and the lots
of land are re-sold by the Govern-
ment at public auctions. Some of
the land is sold at \$220 a square
foot. The average price is near
\$150.

Eventually it is hoped that the
water-front, except for the Causeway
Bay Typhoon Shelter, will be along
a straight highway over the present
reclamation work.

Mother On \$2,500 Bail

With a baby in her arms, Tam
Oi, 30, widow, was charged before
Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon
Magistrate's court with unlawful
possession of heroin pills. She was
remanded for a week on bail of
\$2,500.

Revenue Officer Ahern asked for
the remand and said that Tam was
arrested on the Mong Kok Ferry
Wharf yesterday with about 5,000
heroin pills in her possession.

New Tientsin C. In C. Arrives

Tientsin, Apr. 12.
Brigadier Sir John Laurie, Bart.,
the new Commander of the British
troops in the Tientsin area, arrived
last night from England.

He commanded the Second
Battalion, the Seaforth Highlanders
from 1934 to 1938.—Reuter.

Mosquitoes As Witnesses

Unique Exhibits At Kowloon Court

Each containing several
angrily buzzing mosquitoes,
several jam bottles were ex-
hibited in the Sanitary Department
summons heard by Mr. E.
Himsforth at the Kowloon
Magistrate's court. One of the
bottles contained mosquitoes
which had come to life over-
night.

About 23 villagers were sum-
moned for having failed to
comply with notices served on
them necessitating their ceasing
to use water-logged land on
their properties, such lands be-
ing favourable for the breeding
of mosquitoes.

Nearly all the offenders are
water-cress cultivators. It is
necessary for them to abolish
this practice and fill up their
lands for dry cultivation in
order to prevent mosquitoes
breeding.

Lau Fong and U Tak-kee
were each fined \$5 for failing
to abate the nuisance. They
were given another week to
clear their lands of water and
warned that if they failed to do
this they would be more heavily
fined next week.

Big Noise In City

CITY WORKERS will hear a terrific, organised wail between 2.15 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. on Fri- day.

It will be a new type of air-raid
warning siren which is being tested
in the city for the first time by the
A.R.P. authorities.

The test will consist of a signal to
be given for an air raid warning—a
fluting or warbling note of three
minutes' duration—followed at 2.25
p.m. by the "raiders passed" signal—a
steady blast also extending over a
period of three minutes.

The first signal will indicate that
an air raid might occur within a few
minutes.

Black Out To Follow

The second signal will indicate that
hostile aircraft have left the area, or
that the threat of a raid is no longer
imminent.

The tests are being applied to the
Island area only.
If they are satisfactory lightning
"air raids" will be made on Hong-
kong sometime in the near future by
R.A.F. planes.

Residents will be required to ob-
serve stringent lighting restrictions
in an endeavour to make the Colony
as invisible as possible from the air
during the dark hours.

London Casino Is Bought

Mr. Alfred Esdalle, managing
director of the Prince of Wales
Theatre—twenty years ago he was a
23-a-week light comedian on pro-
vincial music halls—announced
recently that he is head of a syndicate
who have bought the London Casino.

His partner in the deal is Mr.
Charles Clode, West End property
financier. They hope to reopen the
Casino in a month's time. It has
been closed since the beginning of
the year. A liquidator was appoint-
ed and 250 employees were put out
of work.

Mr. Esdalle said: "We are not
changing the Casino's type of en-
tertainment."
The Casino was built eight years
ago for £450,000 as the Prince Ed-
ward Theatre.

Reventlow To Bring Up Son

A joint application was made by
the Count and Countess Haugwitz-
Reventlow to Mr. Justice Bennett in
chambers recently regarding their
three-year-old son Lance.
It is understood that Mr. Justice
Bennett approved the agreement
decreasing that, in accordance with
the separation agreement, the count is to
have the custody, care, superinten-
dence, and control of Lance.

He will also control his religious
instruction, education, and upbring-
ing during his minority. The coun-
tess is to have Lance in her care
during the periods specified in the
separation agreement.

The P. and O. liner Corfu left
Shanghai yesterday and is due here
tomorrow at about 3 p.m.

FEVERISH BALKAN ACTIVITY THREE NATIONS CALL RESERVES TO THE COLOURS

POLAND, FRANCE and Italy are mobilising their Reserves.

A million men are now under arms in Italy,
where the 1911 and 1912 classes have been called
to the Colours.

Poland has called up six
classes, the men of which
are aged from 22 to 28.

France has mobilised
about 400,000 reservists.

The French Government has
called in naval specialists.

All Easter leave for the Army has
been cancelled.
The French Cabinet has met to con-
sider the international developments.
Marshal Petain, French Ambassa-
dor to Spain, unexpectedly arrived
from Burgos to-day to confer with
the French Foreign Minister.—
United Press.

Italian Mobilisation

ROME, Apr. 11.
AN OFFICIAL communique
states that the full classes of
1911 and 1912 have been called
to the colours.

The full classes of the 1917
and part of 1918 and 1919 are
also under the colours.

It has been learned from an
official source that no further classes
will be called unless "the political
situation worsens."

More than one million men are
now under arms.—United Press.

Million Under Arms

ROME, Apr. 11.
It is estimated, on the basis of
an official communique issued to-
night, that Italy has now over
1,000,000 men under arms.

The communique confirms that
more reservists have been called up
but states that no other classes will
be called up unless exceptional
circumstances occur.—Reuter
Special.

Poland Mobilises

WARSAW, Apr. 11.
RESERVISTS belonging to six
classes from 1912 to 1917 are being
called to the colours to-day.

The men concerned are listed as
unfit for normal military service.
They are called up annually for
auxiliary service, but usually not
before the autumn.—Reuter Special.

Russian Attitude

The British Foreign Secretary was
in conference with the Soviet Am-
bassador in London to-day regarding
the Russian attitude towards the
latest developments.

A high British official stated that
arrangements have been completed
by which Turkey will attack
Bulgaria if Bulgaria, with or with-
out Italian aid, invades Rumania or
Greece.

It is estimated that the French
Cabinet has called 400,000 men to the
colours, in addition to the normal
500,000 armed forces.—United Press.

Bulgarian Position

SOFIA, Apr. 11.
It is reported that Great Britain
is making a last minute attempt to
align Bulgaria with the Balkan bloc
opposed to the German-Italian Axis.

According to diplomatic circles,
the first overtures have met with
little, if any, success.—United Press.

Dutch Precautions

The Hague, Apr. 11.
The Prime Minister of the Nether-
lands in a radio broadcast to the
nation and Dutch colonies to-day
briefly explained why the Govern-
ment last night called up further
battalions for frontier defence.

"Nobody must see in this measure
an indication that the Government
fears a direct attack on Holland," he
said.

"It is simply a precaution in view
of the general tension in Europe,
which might lead to a sudden out-
break of hostilities, in which case

Holland must show, not only in words
but in deeds, its firm determination
to defend its independence and main-
tain neutrality under all circum-
stances and in all directions.
"Our relations with all Powers are
good."—United Press.

Jugo-Slavia's Course

Belgrade, Apr. 11.
The belief is expressed in authori-
tative circles that Jugo-Slavia's
course will follow whatever lead
England and France give.

It is believed that the Jugo-Slavs
feel the helplessness of their
geographic position and are not in-
clined to assert themselves without
British and French support.

Meanwhile 700 Albanians here
have volunteered to fight the Italians,
although many of them are fugitives
from the Zog regime.

"Although we opposed him, we put
ourselves at the disposal of Zog's
government in order to fight the
Italian attackers," said their leader.
—United Press.

German Warning

Berlin, Apr. 11.
Sources close to the German
Foreign Office state that both Ger-
many and Italy will refuse to tolerate
British and French interference in
the Balkans.

To-day's Press sharply criticised
the democracies, and anger is rising,
particularly against Britain, due to
(Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

CHINESE ENTER KAIFENG

Chinese forces under the command
of General Sun Tong-kang, have
broken into Kaifeng, provincial capital
of Honan.

Bitter street fighting is now raging
in the walled city.

It is learned that the Chinese forces,
about two divisions strong, entered
the city through the south-western
gate.

The railway station outside the city
has been captured. Japanese re-
inforcements are reported to be rush-
ing to the area in three directions
from Shantung, Kiangsu and Anhwei
to check the Chinese counter-attack.

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French Fears Of Franco's Troops

LONDON, Apr. 12.—The Bordeaux
Correspondent of the "Daily Tele-
graph" states that the French
authorities are closely watching the
situation created by the reported
presence of large bodies of Spanish
troops at Santander and other places
in the neighbourhood of the Franco-
Spanish frontier.

Reports from Spain during the past
few days suggest that important con-
centrations are occurring in the
guise of "demobilisation."—Reuter.

See Back Page For Further Late News

AVALANCHE HORROR: 22 CHILDREN BURIED

BERNE, Apr. 11.—Children in a boarding school were over-
whelmed by an avalanche near here to-day.

Five bodies have been recovered, and 17 are understood to be
entombed.

Rescue parties worked ceaselessly, but there is no hope of
bringing out alive those who are buried.—Reuter.

GREAT CHINESE DRIVE: HONAN CAPITAL MAY BE CAPTURED

KAIFENG, the Honan capital, may be the first provincial
capital to revert to China since the beginning of the war. The
Japanese admit that the remarkable Chinese counter-offensive,
which is meeting with considerable success in five provinces, has
carried the Chinese troops to the suburbs of Kaifeng. The Kai-
feng railway station is now in Chinese hands and the city is in
imminent danger of proving a Japanese death trap.

INTEREST

IN THE Mediter-
ranean situation has suddenly
shifted across the inland sea to
East Africa. France fears
Italian motives and has sudden-
ly sent large forces of troops to
Morocco.

SEVERAL COMPANY

reports were issued this morning. They are
published in detail on.

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be no war in
Europe." This confident declaration
is made by Lord Beaverbrook, owner
of the world's greatest newspaper,
the London "Daily Express." His
views are given in an exclusive
interview.

MORE ITALIANS

are believed to
have gone to Spain. Franco is
actively engaged in fortifying

Spanish Morocco facing French Morocco.

JOAN CHAWFORD

the well-
known film star, has secured a divorce
from Franchot Tone.

ACCORDING TO

a Japanese
claim, Tokyo has now displaced Lon-
don as the second largest city in the
world. With a population of nearly
7,000,000, it is claimed to be second
only to New York.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT

subjects
were discussed at the monthly meet-
ing of the Committee of the Kowloon
Residents' Association.

THE ENTIRE COUNCIL

of the
Poling puppet government was
massacred as the members were
holding a meeting in Kaifeng yester-
day. Chinese guerrillas operating
near the capital made a sortie into
the city and completely surprised
the Japanese guard, entered the
Council Chamber and killed the en-
tire Council.

BULGARIA

has suddenly moved
against its Nazi element. The
National Socialist movement has
been suppressed and the leaders in-
terned.

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are believed to
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JAPAN SAYS 'KEEP OUT'

JAPAN HAS hit upon a unique method of preventing foreign shipping from trading along the China coast and, at the same time, informing the world that there is no blockade.

Japanese naval authorities in Tientsin, says a "United Press" message this morning, have announced that vessels are now permitted to engage in trade and shipping between Tientsin, Tientsin, Haichow and Shanghai.

There is only one obstacle. All such ships must be affiliated with the Chinese Shipping Federation.

This is a Japanese organisation recently created in Tientsin.

Meanwhile, barbed wire entanglements which were erected around the British and French concessions at Tientsin and Shanghai have not been removed, despite British protests.

At one stage the entanglements were electrified. Whilst they are no longer "live", they are still connected to sources of power, allowing instantaneous application if the Japanese desire to completely isolate the concessions.

Big U.S. Barter Scheme

New York, Apr. 11. Commodity circles are awaiting with great interest details of the commodity barter plan proposed by Senator Byrnes, though at present little comment is to be heard regarding it.

The plan seems to be generally approved by members of Congress, with the cotton Senators strongly favouring it as long as cotton is bartered at the current market price.

According to Dow-Jones, consummation of the plan is expected by informed officials to result in the export of about 5,000,000 bales of cotton, against which, up to 600,000 long tons rubber might be acquired.—Reuter.

Philippines Yacht Docks Here

The yacht, Don Estaban arrived here last night from Manila for dry-docking. The vessel will be here for about two weeks, and is chartered by the De La Rama Steamship Company. The ship brought many residents from Iloilo and Manila on a round trip jaunt.

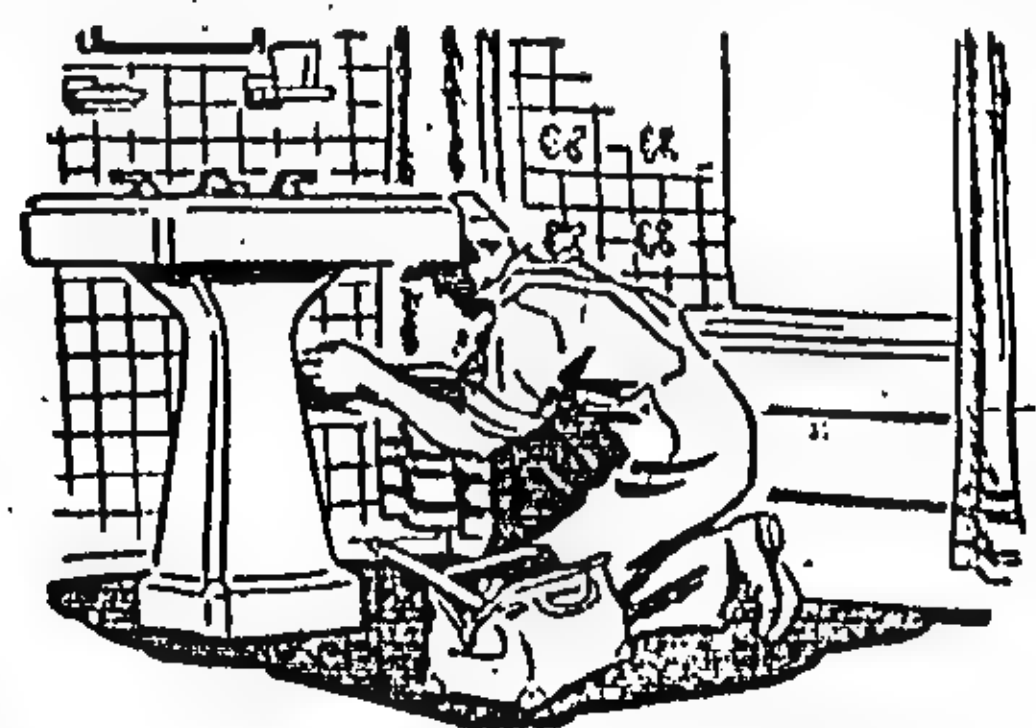
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HOLLYWOOD, Apr. 12.

"WE BOTH regret," said a statement issued in Hollywood six months ago, "that our marriage had to terminate. We are parting on the most friendly terms."

It was Mr. and Mrs. Franchot Tone, announcing their separation with all the formality of Royal personages.

The romance of Joan Crawford, who rose from a shopgirls' job to become the Shopgirls' Idol, and Tone, socialite son of a corporation president, finally ended to-day, when Joan was granted a divorce by Judge Benjamin Scheinman.



JOAN CRAWFORD AND EX-HUSBAND

The film star alleged mental cruelty. Franchot, she claimed, was jealous of her work in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's studios, and wanted her to quit films.

Her original application was put back from March 28 because she failed then to give evidence.

The romance between the couple was a Hollywood favourite. Friends blame the fact that the easy-going Tone never achieved the same movie success as his ambitious wife.

Quit Films

Shortly after the announcement that they were separating, Tone said he was quitting films.

"I am going to New York and go into group theatre production," he said.

"If I am fortunate on the stage, I may never return to Hollywood. Failure will be the only thing that can send me back."—United Press.

Franchot Tone and Joan Crawford were married in New Jersey on October 11, 1936. Her real name is Lucille Le Sueur, and she was born at San Antonio, Texas, in May, 1904. Tone was her second husband, the first being Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., from whom she was divorced in 1933. The couple have appeared opposite each other in "No More Ladies," "Dancing Lady" and "Sadie McKee."

ITALIANS SENT TO SPAIN

Gibraltar Guards In War Kit

GIBRALTAR, Apr. 11.

A VERY reliable source here reports that a further contingent of Italians dressed as civilians arrived at Cadiz on Saturday.

The majority of the newcomers are being quartered at Jerez de la Frontera and San Fernando.

According to Seville sources the Spaniards are now viewing the influx of Italians with discontent.

Meanwhile, the British guards on the Spanish frontier are patrolling the border in full war kit, following heavy reinforcements of the guards on the Spanish side.—United Press.

Italy's Broken Pact

Paris, Apr. 11. It is reported in political circles that Marshal Petain, the French Ambassador to Spain, who conferred with M. Benet and M. Dandier today, wished to discuss Italy's failure of Italy to withdraw her troops from Spain; secondly, Spain's adherence to the anti-Comintern Pact; thirdly, the slowness of the Spanish Government in receiving back refugees from France.

M. Benet also saw the Soviet Ambassador, M. Suritz, while M. Dandier received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt, and the Secretary-General of the Rumanian Foreign Ministry, M. Cizilano.—Reuter.

Fascist Party To Be Formed

The Albanian provisional government at Tirana has sent a telegram to Premier Mussolini, "hoping for immediate organisation of a Fascist party in Albania."—Domest.

210,000 Pieces Of Gold

Tirana, Apr. 11. At the authorisation of Il Duce, the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, announced to-day that the sum of 210,000 gold francs would be placed at the disposal of the provisional Albanian Administration council for relieving privation among the population.

The Council sent a telegram of gratitude to Signor Mussolini acknowledging the gift.—Trans-Ocean.

Fighting Continues

Paris, Apr. 11. According to authorised sources, states the Albanian Legation, fierce fighting occurred this morning at Matidibra, Argyro, Kastor, and Elbasan, where mountain tribesmen, supported by officers of the regular army, are fighting under the leadership of Prince Sali and Prince Hussein, both former pupils at St. Cyr.

The Italians claim to have occupied both Argyro Kastor and Elbasan.—Reuter.

Occupation Completed

TIRANA, Apr. 11. The Italian military authorities announced that occupation of all important positions in Albania was completed with the occupation of the last remaining city on the Albanian-Greek border to-day.—Domest.

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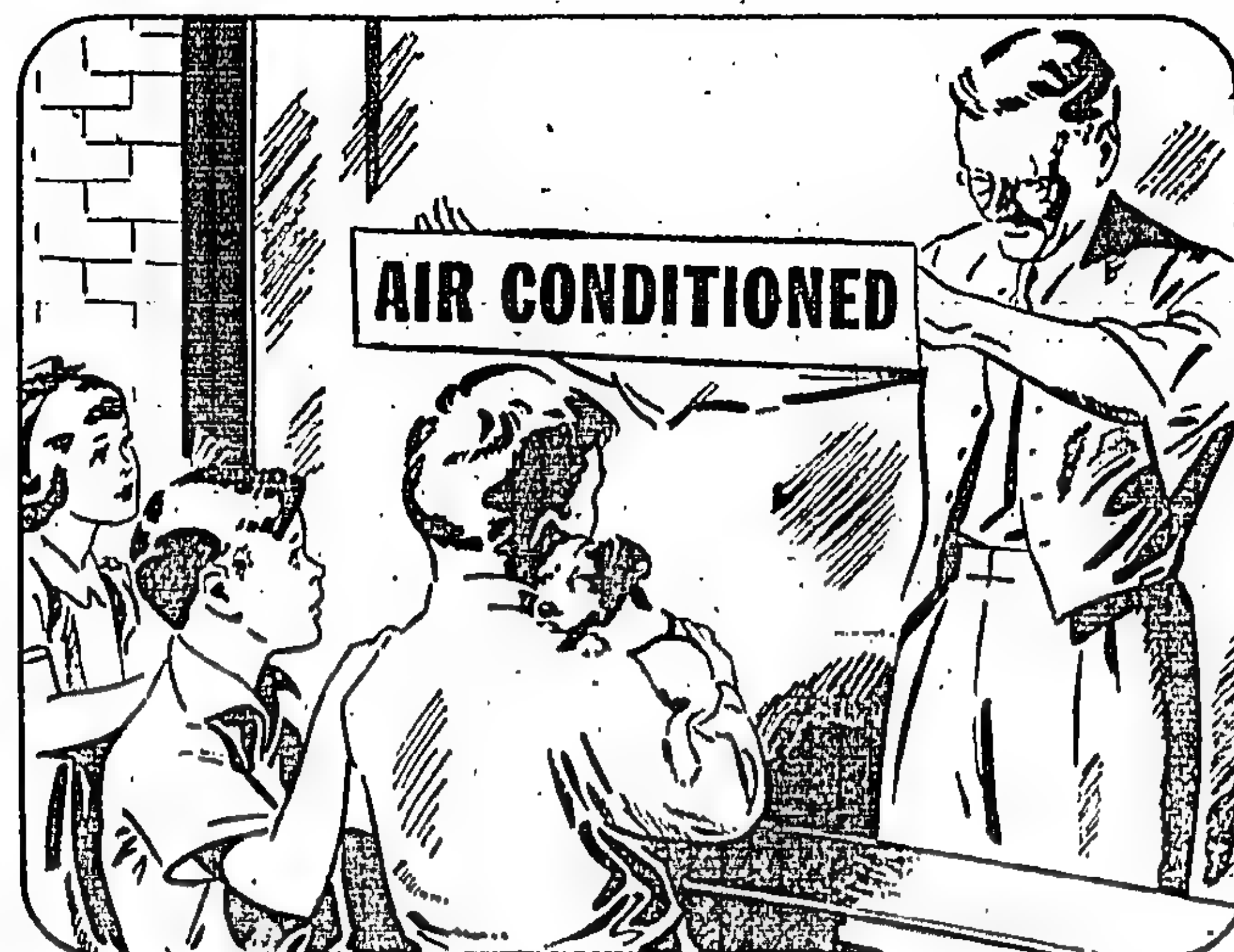
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Front row: Administrative and Executive Officers. Second row: Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors. Third and fourth rows: Inspectors of Works, Overseers, Draughtsmen, Land Bailiffs, etc.—Ming Yuen.

TO-DAY'S NEWS ABOUT FRANCE, ITALY AND THEIR COLONIES

GOERING SEES BALBO

TRIPOLI, Libya, Apr. 11.

MUCH SIGNIFICANCE is seen in view of the reported Italian move against Tunis in the interview between the visiting German Air Minister, Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, and General Italo Balbo, the Governor-General of Libya, held here on Monday.

Accompanied by Governor-General Balbo, the German Air Minister on Tuesday inspected the border of Tunis and reviewed the Italian troops concentrated along the border.

It is understood that important military arrangements are in progress between the military experts of Germany and Italy in Libya.—Domei.

Situation In Syria

Paris, Apr. 11. The High Commissioner for Syria arrived in Paris today to report to the Government on the situation in Syria.

He was due to see M. Bonnet this afternoon.—Reuter.

TOKYO, Apr. 12.—The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, arrived from Shanghai at 9 o'clock last night.—Domei.

FRANCE TAKES NO CHANCES IN EAST AFRICA

PARIS, Apr. 12.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES have been adopted by France in Morocco and Somaliland.

Large numbers of Reservists have been called to the Colours and sent to Morocco, according to political sources.

It is taken as obvious that France intends to use military pressure on Spanish Morocco, should General Franco show himself disinclined to agree to an immediate withdrawal of Italian forces from Spain.



Charity Ball For Relief

A Fancy Dress Charity Ball will be held at the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel on April 21, under the auspices of the Hongkong Branch of the National Women's Relief Association.

Prizes will be awarded for the best and most original costumes.

Among the many artists who will take part in the cabaret items will be Mr. Hugh Chen, popular tap-dancer, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Li who will give a demonstration of the Spanish Tango and Viennese Waltz and a chorus of Hongkong Chinese society ladies.

All proceeds from the Ball will be devoted to relief work.

MOSLEMS DENOUNCE IL DUCE

A MANIFESTO denouncing the Italian occupation of Albania as "a calamity affecting the Mohammedans and Islam even greater than that which has befallen Palestine" has been issued by the Moslems in Algiers.

Protests from all sections of the Moslem population of Algiers against Italy's action in Albania have been received by the Governor.

The Moslems have forwarded renewed declarations of loyalty to France, and swear that they will defend the mother country against aggression.

Mass meetings of protest are being held in all the important centres today.

The Young Men's Moslem Association has also protested against Italian aggression.

Sacred Duty

Reference is made in their protest to the confiscation of land by Italians, who, they claim, have taken the best land in Tunisia, while the natives have been compelled to remove to barren soil.

The manifesto concludes: "It is the sacred duty of Egyptians and Moslems all over the world to stand as one man in opposition to the Fascist policy of exterminating Islam."



Abyssinia's Flag Now Banned

PALESTINE no longer recognises the Abyssinian Consulate in Jerusalem, believed to be the last Consulate of the old Ethiopian Empire in existence.

The Consulate has been forbidden to fly its flag (says the United Press).

Mussolini was hailed as the "Protector of Islam" by Arab leaders when he made his 1,200-mile tour of Egypt in March, 1937.

Replying, the Duce declared that "Italy will always be the friend and protector of Islam throughout the world."

He contrasted the "religious peace" of Libya with the "repression of Arabs" by Britain.

(Reuter Special and United Press messages.)

SEIZING RED SEA KEY

IF Italy's scheme works out, it will place the strategic key to the Red Sea in her hands.

Economically, however, she would have no need of it—if she would only use the generous facilities that the French Government and the Jibuti-Addis Ababa railway have offered her.

But up to the moment the Italians have been trying their utmost to make Abyssinia economically "self-contained" thereby bringing the country to the verge of economic collapse.

The Emperor Menelik granted a railway concession in 1894 to a Swiss engineer who, in association with a French engineer, founded the Imperial Abyssinian Railway Company.

The 1906 agreement between Britain, France and Italy not only defined the zone of influence of the three Powers in Abyssinia but also provided that each should support the others in securing

railway concessions for their zone of influence.

In exchange for this each Power was to have the right to a seat on the board of directors of the other railway companies.

Only one railway, the French railway, was built. An Italian director took his seat on the board of directors. The seat reserved for Britain has never been occupied.

The railway was finally completed in 1917. When Premier Laval went to Rome in 1935 Mussolini asked him for a slice of the hinterland of French Somaliland.

This would have enabled Italy to build a short branch line, joining the Italian port of Assab, Eritrea, to the main Jibuti-Addis Ababa line.

It would also have had the effect of strangling Jibuti's commerce at very little cost.

Under pressure from French business men, M. Laval refused, but recorded an area including coastline, to Italy. This area Italy has never occupied, although it has twice been visited by surveying missions.

Then came the conquest of Abyssinia and the arrival of Italian troops in Addis Ababa in May, 1936.

Nothing more was said about the coveted territory until January 27, 1938, when a French air patrol returned to Jibuti and reported that Italian outposts had crossed the frontier between Abyssinia and French Somaliland. This frontier was defined in an agreement between the French Governor-General Lagaude and the then Emperor in 1907, and it was clearly marked by such geographical features as lakes, mountains and marshes.

The Italian authorities claimed, however, that there was some confusion and (Continued on Page 4.)

IDEAL DIET FOR DIGESTIVE DISTURBANCES

The big problem with sufferers from gastritis or other digestive disturbances is how to avoid pain and discomfort when eating. The inflamed stomach walls are so sensitive that solid foods can not be retained. Even liquid foods are often vomited.

Yet the patient must get quick new strength into his body. Doctors and nurses have found that Horlick's is retained in the stomach when other foods are rejected. The reason is that Horlick's is so easy to digest. At the same time it rebuilds the exhausted body, and restores strength and stamina.

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When your youngster is out-of-sorts—obviously in need of a thorough intestinal cleansing—and still "fights" taking a laxative, don't set it down as stubbornness. Maybe you are guilty—of thoughtlessness. For when a child objects to such medicine, there's often good cause. The taste may be offensive, or the action harsh and unpleasant. So is it ever fair, or even kind, to force such remedies on your youngster, thus taxing an upset condition still further?

Fortunately, there's no need to resort to such measures. You can get a real child's laxative—"California Syrup of Figs"—"Califig"—thoroughly pleasant both in taste and

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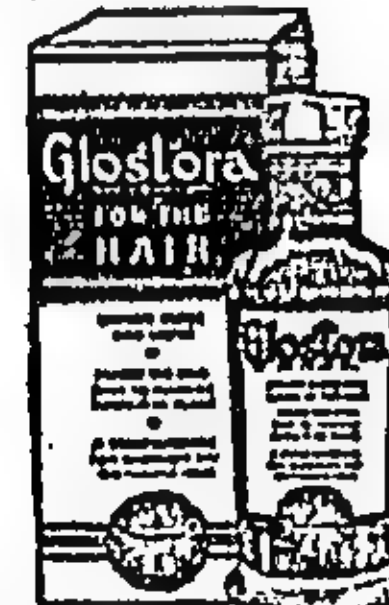
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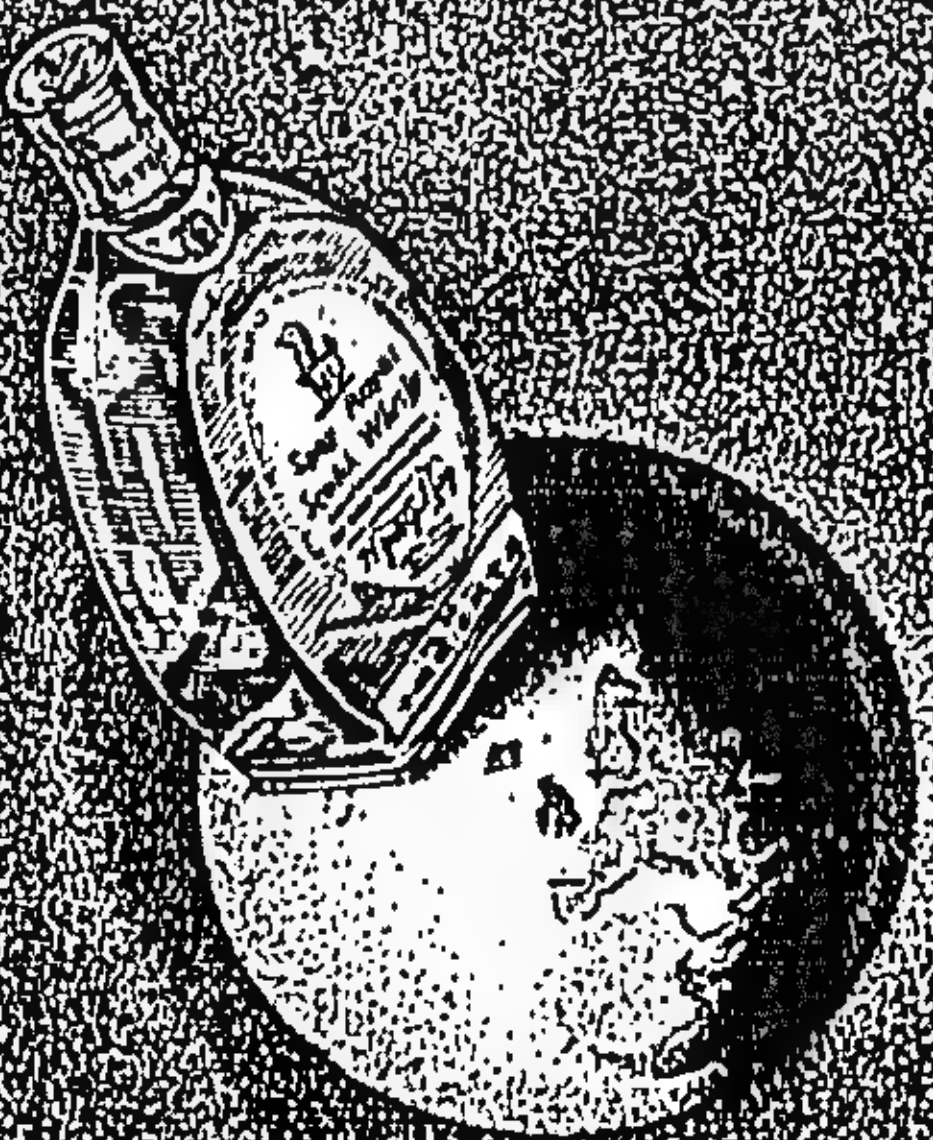


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H.K. Stock Market

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BANKS	
H.K. Banks	137 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks Ltd.	82 1/2 n.
Chartered	8 n.
Messageries	27 n.
Merchants	12 n.
East Asia	80 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	225 h.
Unions	405 h.
China Underwriter	14 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire	183 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	108 b.
Steamships	13 n.
Indo-China, P.	60 n.
Indo-China, D.S.	24 n.
Shell Bearers	80 7/8 n.
Waterboats	9 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	105 s.
Docks	16 b.
Providents	4.60 n.
New Eng. Sh.	6.70 n.
Shu. Docks, Sh.	101 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	17 1/8 n.
Rauha s/-	8 n.
Venez. Gold	33 1/2 n.
Hongkong Mines	3 n.
Antimons	33 1/2 n.
Alkots	33 1/2 n.
Baqulo Gold	24 1/2 n.
Benguet Cons.	11.70 n.
Coco Grove	33 1/2 n.
Demonstrations	50 n.
I.X.L.	50 n.
Hojons	24 1/2 n.
Camarinas	50 n.
San Maricito	1.74 n.
Suyoc Consols	16 n.
Paracels	59 n.
LANDS	
Hotels	5 1/2 n.
Land	33 1/2 n.
Land 4% deb.	104 n.
Shai Lands	8.60 n.
Humphreys	8.85 n.
H.K. Realties	4.40 n.
Chinese Estates	102 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	16.20 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	0.7 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old)	24 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (new)	24 n.
China Lights (old)	8.35 n.
China Lights (new)	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric	50 n.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	23 n.
Telephones (new)	7 1/2 n.
Tractions	22 1/2 n.
Tractions	22 1/2 n.
INDUSTRIAL	
Cold Macg. (ord.)	Sh. 14 n.
Cold Macg. (Pro.)	Sh. 13 n.
Canton Ices	95 b.
Cements	13 1/4 n.
H.K. Ropes	3.60 n.
STORES, ETC.	
Dairy Farms (ex. rls.)	\$ 21 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (ris.)	\$ 15 1/2 n.
Watsons	\$ 7 1/4 n.
Lane Crawford	\$ 8 n.
Sinceres	\$ 1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$ 42 n.
Powell, Ltd.	\$ 90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Evo Sh.	\$ 10.80 n.
Shai Cotton	\$ 104 n.
Zong Sing	\$ 30 n.
Wing On Textiles	\$ 40 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment	\$ 0.40 n.
Constructions	\$ 3.4 n.
Vibro Piling	\$ 6.30 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	04 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prm.	
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2% par	
Marsmans (Lond.)	8 1/2 n.
Marsmans	8 1/2 n.
MANILA SHARES	
Closing quotations through Reuters:	
Antamok	35 1/2
Alk	35 1/2
Bagulo Gold	24 1/2
Belong Buxay	105
Benguet Cons.	11.70
Dig Wedge	35
Coco Grove	33 1/2
Coco Mines	50
Demonstration	13
I. X. L.	50

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The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 22nd April, to Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, April 22nd, 1939, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the
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M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

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The following is Swan-Cubbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:
Trading on the Manila Gold share market was light with little price movement, closing quiet but steady. Gains ranged up to 4 centavos and losses to 20 centavos. Benguet Consolidated lost 20 centavos, while Mambulao declined 6 centavos. San Maricito and Big Wedge appreciated 4 centavos and United Paracels 2 centavos. Yesterday's volume in Pesos was 330,000.

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Hungarians Quit League

BUDEPEST, Apr. 11.
HUNGARY HAS withdrawn from the League of Nations.

Count Casky informed the Secretary-General, M. Avenol of this decision in the following telegram:

"I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of the Hungarian Government, that, conformably with Article 1, Para. 3 of the League Covenant, Hungary herewith announces her resignation from the League.

"I should also like to state on this occasion that the Hungarian Government intends to continue its co-operation with the League in technical fields, and to participate further in the work of the Permanent International Tribunal, as well as the International Labour Office."—Trans-Ocean.

Ships Mass In Mediterranean

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at 2.45 p.m. (10.45 p.m. H.K.T.).—Reuter.

French Fleet Sails

Marseilles, Apr. 11.
The French Mediterranean Fleet left Toulon to-day on an assignment in the Mediterranean in connection with the Cabinet's precautionary measures. No details of the fleet's movements have been divulged.—United Press.

Italians Near Greek Border

Tirana, Apr. 11.
Italian troops have reached Dilliste, the last southern Albanian community almost on the Greek frontier. Three Blackshirt battalions, namely the 40th, from Verona, the 76th, from Coptara and the 92th, from Florence have landed at Valona and occupied the surrounding regions.—United Press.

Four Battleships

The London correspondent of "The Times" reports that the existing British naval forces in the Mediterranean include four battleships, one aircraft-carrier, six cruisers, 30 destroyers, seven submarines, six torpedo-boats and ten minesweepers. The battleship Warspite which stayed at San Remo in northern Italy for five days, left Naples on April 8, while the battleship Malaya left Mentone, France, during the week-end.

Concentrated at Malta are the aircraft-carrier Glorious, the cruisers Devonshire, Sussex, Penelope, and Arcturion, seven submarines, six minesweepers, and the First and Third Destroyer Flotillas. The cruiser Shropshire left Villefranche, France, on April 5, and the cruiser Galatea reached Gandia, Spain on April 5 and later proceeded to Malta. The destroyers Wishart, Cossack, Maori and Gula are standing by at Malta. While the Italian fleet of the torpedo-boat flotilla, and the destroyers Ibero, Hereward, Hotspur and Havoc left Sorrento, Italy, on April 8.

ALBANIAN QUEEN STRICKEN

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been removed to hospital at Larissa. Queen Geraldine was married to King Zog a little over a year ago. She was the Countess Geraldine Apponyi and is of American descent. She is the daughter of Gladys Stewart, once of New York, and a Hungarian count.—United Press.

To Settle in Turkey

Istanbul, Apr. 11.
King Zog of Albania intends to settle in Turkey, according to press reports. In this connection it is recalled that King Zog received his school education and part of his military training in Turkey.—Trans-Ocean.

Condition Improves

Athens, Apr. 11.
The condition of Queen Geraldine of Albania is said to have improved to an extent where her life is no longer in danger. The Queen is at present in Larissa with other members of the Royal Family.—Trans-Ocean.

SEIZING RED SEA KEY

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held their ground. No attempt was made to expel them, but the French Government sent out a mission of military geographers to re-map the contested frontier.

RAILWAYS STARVED
They arrived last February and finished their map in September. It is at present being printed, and was due for publication.

Once in possession of the Abyssinian capital, the Italian Government intended to the railway to secure equipment making possible the transport of 1,000 tons of merchandise a day, instead of the previous maximum of 100 tons. This the railway did.
Suddenly, in October, the Italians cut down their use of the railway. They began to remove the native staff. From 400 tons a day, traffic was cut down in a few weeks to 30 tons a day. The Italians took to transporting goods by road at a cost many times greater than that paid for rail transport.

Powers Call Up Reserves

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reports of British plans to guarantee Greek and Turkish frontiers.—United Press.

London Activity

London, Apr. 11.
After seeing the Soviet Ambassador this morning, Viscount Halifax visited Mr. Chamberlain at No. 10 Downing Street, where the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet continued deliberations on the European situation in the afternoon. The King returned to London unexpectedly from his Eastern vacation at Windsor this afternoon. It was reported that Mr. Chamberlain should see Hitler in his arrival, and the King was expected to return to Windsor afterwards.—Reuter.

Italian View

ROME, Apr. 11.
Italian sources state that Italy will regard any British pledge to defend Greece as a move against Italy requiring new disposition in the Mediterranean. Italy is as equally concerned about Britain's intentions with regard to Greece as Britain is Italy's intentions with regard to Corfu. Authoritative sources said neither Italy nor Britain have given any "warning" over Albania or Greece. Mussolini's newspaper "Popolo d'Italia" states that Italy is contemplating the enrolment of Albanian officers in the Italian army.—United Press.

Assurances To Greece

Rome, Apr. 11.
Foreign press reports that the Italian Government has conveyed direct assurances to the Greek Government concerning Italy's attitude towards Greece have been confirmed by official circles. Italy's friendly attitude will continue, and it is added that in view of the danger to Greece to perceive danger to herself and other Balkan States in the measures taken by Italy in consolidating the Italian position in Albania and for stabilising peace there. An Athens message says that there is a marked decrease in excitement among the public following the declaration made by Premier Metaxas that the Government had received unequivocal assurances from Rome regarding the independence of Greece and her integrity.—Trans-Ocean.

Yugo-Slav Precautions

Belgrade, Apr. 11.
Although the Yugo-Slav attitude towards the Italian occupation of Albania has not been officially declared, certain military precautions have been taken. Several classes of reservists have been called up, mainly in districts bordering on the Yugo-Slav-Albanian frontier.

The arrival here of the Croatian leader, M. Matichuk and Lieutenant Cufichuk is welcomed as indicating peaceful intentions on the long-standing Croat demand for Home Rule.—Reuter Special.

Greece's Preparedness

Athens, Apr. 11.
Emphasis on Greece's preparedness to resist attack is made by the newspapers to-day. They declare that, while it is not due to impassivity, for the people are passionately devoted to the independence and integrity of the country, but to the certainty that the army is ready for every eventuality.—Reuter Special.

British Envoy To Burgos

Burgos, Apr. 11.
The new British Ambassador to Spain, Sir Maurice Peterson, presented his credentials to General Franco to-day, who drove with the British Ambassador through the streets of the city which were lined with troops. Sir Maurice Peterson said that he was not a stranger to Spain, but he came back to a new administration. He added that he would contribute to the best of his power to the good relations of the two countries.—Reuter.

Indo-China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 11.
Chinese authorities state that the French reports have been completed plans to erect 250 anti-aircraft guns in Indo-China, mainly at Saigon, Haiphong and Hanoi, also a number in the French leased territory of Kwangchow Bay.

It is stated that the increase of regular troops in Indo-China has been completed from the original 50,000 to 100,000 men.

A batch of 50 of the latest type of American pursuit planes, which was part of the recent French purchases from America is reported to be arriving or to have already arrived in Indo-China.

An aeroplane factory in Hanoi capable of producing 100 planes a year will be completed in June. It is further stated that construction work in Kamranh harbour, Cambodia, and other coast fortresses is being continued. France is strengthening her military defence in Indo-China for the first time in the past 20 years since the Sino-French treaty of 1913, whereby Imperial China ceded the territory to France.—United Press.

NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION: Whose honey-moon trip may lead to important discoveries regarding prehistoric man?

ANSWER: Professor Blanc, Italy's most famous anthropologist, took his bride to a mountainous district outside Rome. With her aid, he discovered bones in a cave. Among them was a skull which he identified as one of Neanderthal man.

Q: Who was Neanderthal man?
A: He occupied Europe somewhere between 40,000 B.C. and 20,000 B.C. First light was thrown on him in 1857 when the bones of an extinct species of man were found in a cave near Düsseldorf.

Q: Why is Professor Blanc's discovery important?
A: The skull is so well preserved that it may be possible to establish by its means that Neanderthal man occupied Europe for a far longer period than is now thought.

Q: What other discoveries did Professor Blanc make?
A: He found remains of lions and hippopotami that once lived in Italy.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Air Mail Due To-day By Two Planes

The Imperial Airways Dorado and Delta are due at 5 p.m. to-day at Kai Tak with mails from all countries, and several passengers.

The two planes left Hongkong at 7 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers and outward mail:

Mr. E. C. Hagen for London, Mr. So Tong-hui for Bangkok, Mr. R. W. Cole, Mr. A. Wienen and Mr. S. Yano for Hanoi, and Mr. Sam Tai-kong for Singapore.

NEW LOCAL SCHEDULES.

As from April 24 arrivals of Imperial Airways in Hongkong will be on Mondays and Thursdays instead of Wednesdays and Saturdays. Departures from Hongkong will be on Tuesdays and Fridays as heretofore. Transit times between Hongkong and London will be six days east-bound and six and a half days west-bound. Between Hongkong and Singapore transit times will be two and a half days by the service from Hongkong on Tuesdays, and three and a half days by that from Hongkong on Fridays. In the reverse direction mails will leave Singapore on Tuesdays, arriving on Thursdays, and on Fridays, arriving in Hongkong the following Monday, a transit time of two and three days, respectively.

YANKEE CLIPPER

London, Apr. 11.
The Pan-American Airways flying-boat Yankee Clipper left Southampton to-day for Foyles harbour to inspect the facilities there. She carried the original crew of 12 and nine experts who crossed the Atlantic from Baltimore on the first test flight.—Reuter Bulletin.

CIVIL PILOTS TRAINED

Washington, Apr. 11.
The House Committee for Inter-State Commerce has favourably reported on the bill authorising the Civil Aeronautics Authority to train civilian pilots. A sum of \$5,675,000 will be appropriated for the purpose.—United Press.

GOODWILL PLANE

Tokyo, Apr. 11.
The Japanese-monoplane-Soyokaze which, hopped off from Cebu at 8.10 a.m. arrived at Bangkok at 3.50 p.m. to conclude the third stage of its goodwill flight from Tokyo to Teheran.—Domei.

FIRST TRIP FINISHED

Tokyo, Apr. 11.
Successfully inaugurating a regular air service between Yokohama and the capital of the Japanese Mandated Islands in the South Seas, the air-liner of the Japan Aviation Corporation returned to Yokohama at 3.30 p.m. yesterday completing its return flight from the Southern Pacific. The air-liner covered the entire distance for the round trip, extending over 8,600 kilometres, in 32 hours, 30 minutes.—Domei.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. April 12; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. April 18.

For Chungking, Sian, etc. Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: Pan American Clipper 8.30 a.m. April 14.

For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. April 15.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 12; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 15.

From U.S.A. via Guam, and Manila: Pan American Clipper 1 p.m. April 13.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.

From France, via Hanoi: Air France 1 p.m. April 13.

POST OFFICE.

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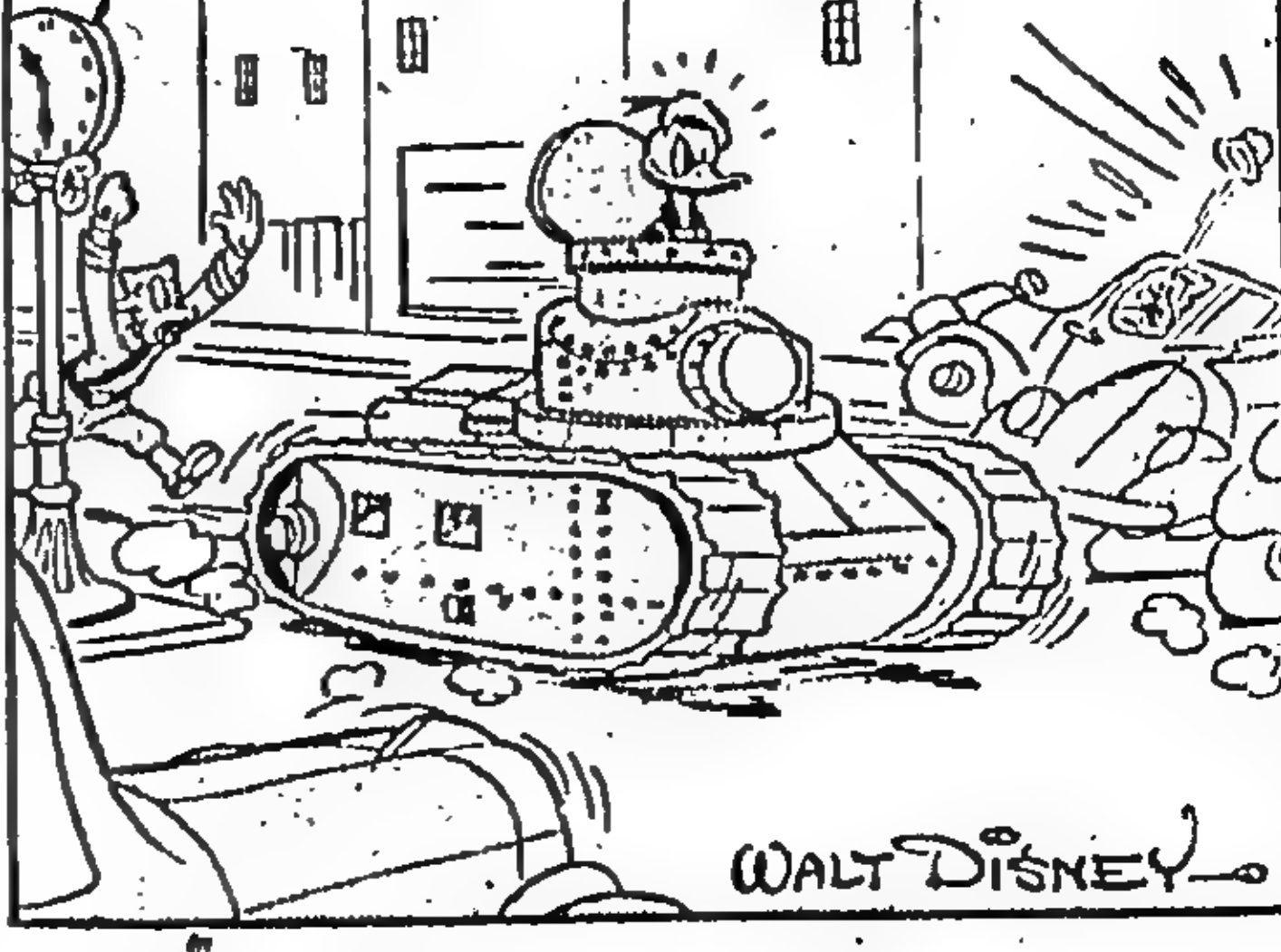
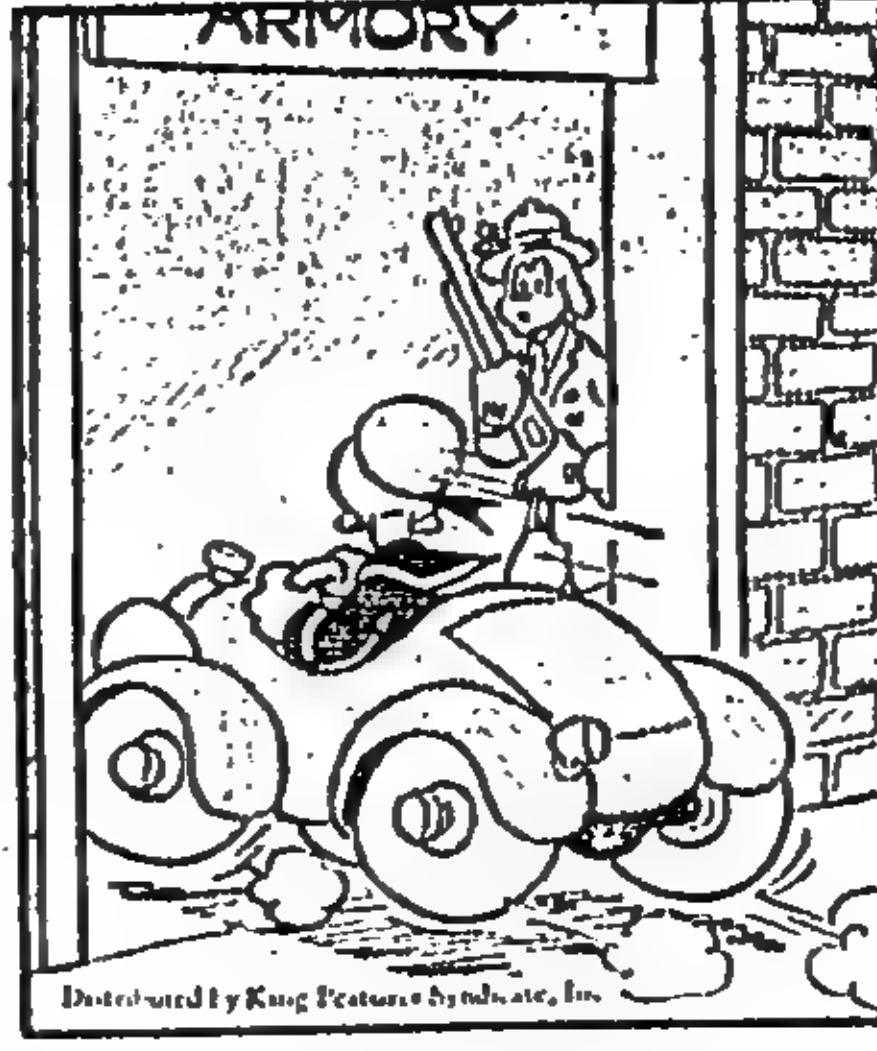
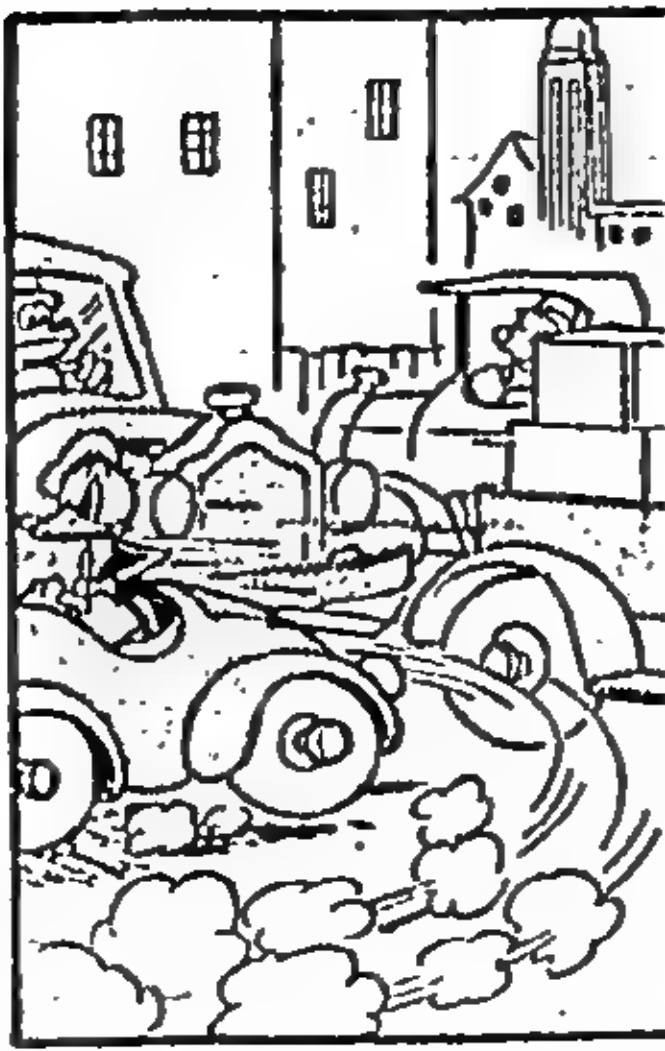
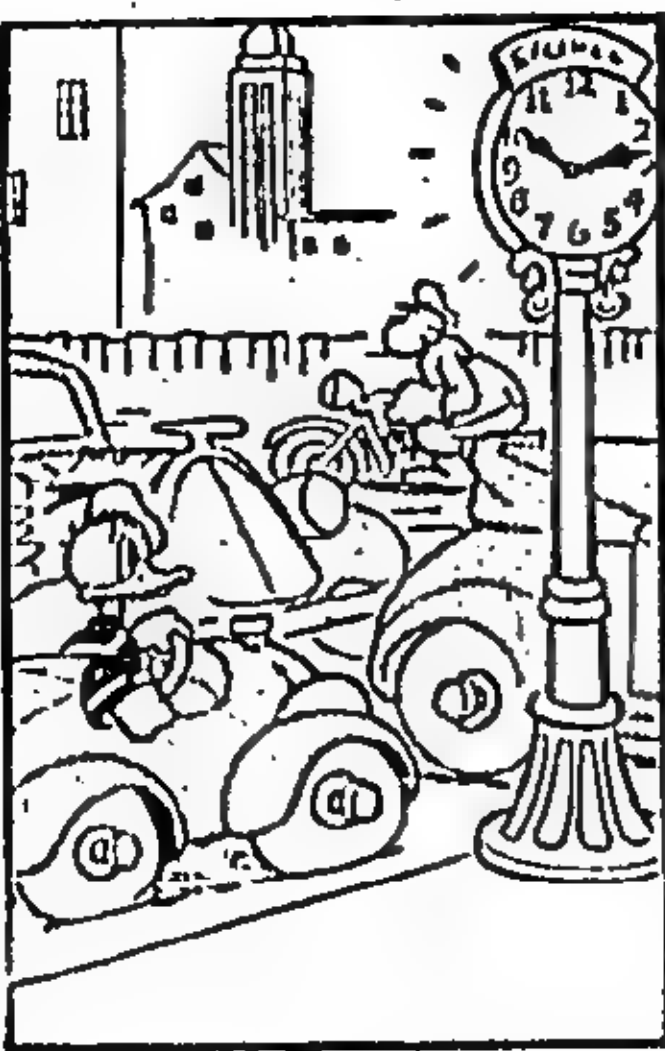
OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Formosa	Canton Maru	April 12.
Manila	Empress of Canada	April 12.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 5th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	April 12.
Calcutta, Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 8th March	Santhia	April 12.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	April 13.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	April 13.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Klungchow	April 13.
Saigon	Laos	April 13.
Straits and Manila	Menestheus	April 13.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 24th March)	Pres. Taft	April 13.
Java	Tibbadok	April 13.
Tientsin and Swatow	Yunnan	April 13.
Swatow	Newchwang	April 14.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 6th April.	Pan American Airways Plane	April 14.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 18th March)	Pres. Adams	April 14.
Japan	Rokuyo Maru	April 14.
Shanghai and Amoy	Soochow	April 14.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 17th March)	Asama Maru	April 15.
Straits	Dionet	April 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 15.
Manila	Neptuna	April 15.
Manila	Roseville	April 15.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutsang	April 16.
Haiphong	Canton	April 17.
Java and Manila	Tilagarua	April 17.

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Insurance Companies Show Substantial Profits

INSURANCE Companies holding their annual meetings on April 21, are the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. (73rd ordinary yearly meeting), Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., and the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (70th ordinary yearly meeting).

The report and accounts showing how the different accounts of insurance have fared, are given below:

The report of the British Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd., stated:
 Marine.—The balance of the 1937 account, amounting to £5,004, 12, 10, has been transferred to reserve for outstanding losses. The net premiums for the year 1938 amounted to £197,050, 7, 0 and claims and expenses to £100,030, 6, 4. The balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounts to £140,014, 0, 6.

Fire.—The net premiums amounted to £122,059, 10, 7 and claims to £51,254, 9, 9. After taking into account commission, expenses of management and fire brigade fees, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of £14,015, 9, 1 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £69,143, 16, 3.

Accident & General.—The net premiums amounted to £33,827, 5, 1 and claims to £25,770, 2, 1. After taking into account commission and expenses of management, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of £2,254, 15, 4 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £35,550, 18, 0.

Dividend.—The directors recommend a dividend of seven shillings per share, payable on April 21, 1939.

Contributory Bonus.—The directors recommend a bonus of 20% to contributors of contributory premium, payable on April 21, 1939. Provision has been made for this in the relative revenue account.

Profit & Loss Account.—The amount at the credit of the profit and loss account, after providing for the dividend for the year 1938, is £13,005, 12, 3.

UNION INSURANCE

The report of the Union Insurance Society of Canton stated:

Marine.—The balance of the 1937 account, amounting to £39,930, 10, 3, has been transferred to reserve for outstanding losses. The net premiums for the year 1938 amounted to £388,251, 15, 3 and claims and expenses to £505,400, 1, 3. The balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounts to £132,791, 14, 0.

Fire.—The net premiums amounted to £204,297, 12, 11 and claims to £256,272, 8, 9. After taking into account commission, expenses of management and fire brigade fees, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of £70,077, 5, 7 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £255,719, 1, 2.

Accident & General.—The net premiums amounted to £319,130, 5, 2 and claims to £178,005, 10, 6. After taking into account commission and expenses of management, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of £11,273, 16, 4 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £177,054, 10, 1.

Dividends.—An interim dividend of 15s. per share was paid on October 21, 1938. The directors now recommend a final dividend of 15s. per share, payable on April 21, 1939.

Contributory Bonus.—The directors recommend a bonus of 20% to contributors of contributory premium, payable on April 21, 1939. Provision has been made for this in the relative revenue account.

Profit & Loss Account.—The amount at the credit of the profit and loss account, after providing for the dividends for the year 1938, is £220,502, 4, 4.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

The report of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., stated:

Marine.—The balance of the 1937 account, amounting to £55,301, 31, has been transferred to reserve for outstanding losses. The net premiums for the year 1938 amounted to £1,694,490, 22 and claims and expenses to £1,614,469, 31. The balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounts to £1,184,362, 23.

Fire.—The net premiums amounted to £891,128, 7 and claims to £413,481, 62. After taking into account commission, expenses of management

and fire brigade fees, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of £113,005, 88 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £557,708, 83.

Accident & General.—The net premiums amounted to £514,908, 00 and claims to £288,638, 19. After taking into account commission and expenses of management, and adjusting the reserve for unexpired risks, there is a credit balance of £18,189, 68 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £286,635, 83.

Dividend.—The directors recommend a dividend of \$12 per share and a bonus dividend of \$6 per share, payable on April 21, 1939.

Contributory Bonus.—The directors recommend a bonus of 20% to contributors of contributory premium, payable on April 21, 1939. Provision has been made for this in the relative revenue account.

Profit & Loss Account.—The amount at the credit of the profit and loss account, after providing for the dividend for the year 1938, is \$590,227, 36.

Directors. (All three Companies).—Since the last general meeting Mr. M. T. Johnson and Mr. G. Miskin have resigned from the board and Mr. J. L. Wilkinson, p.s.o., Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. C. Bloker have joined the board. In accordance with the articles of association the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, p.s.o., retire but offer themselves for re-election.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Here are a few of the many important events that have happened within the past half century:—The discovery of the electric telegraph, and electric lighting; the unification of Italy; the annexation of Texas; acquisition of California and the discovery of gold; the French Revolution of 1848; the discovery of the telephone; the discovery of photography; the laying of cables; the emancipation of Russian serfs; the overthrow of the Pope's temporal power; the extension of Russian power into Central Asia; the great Franco-German War and the unification of Germany; the great Civil War and the abolition of slavery in the United States; the rise and fall of Napoleon III; and the establishment of the French Republic; the discovery of the source of the Nile and Niger; and the exploration of interior Africa.

Robert Stevenson, engineer, of Glasgow, is the man who claims an invention which will drive ocean ships up to forty knots.

Drs. Honoque and Fredel, in a communication made to the Biological Society of Paris, state that the extraction of teeth may be rendered painless by spraying the neighbourhood of the external ear with ether. The anaesthesia of the trigeminal so produced extends to the dental nerves, and thus renders the production of the general anaesthesia needless.

The King of Abyssinia has been killed in a battle with the dervishes.

The sailor nuisance along Queen's Road could, in our opinion, be easily remedied, not by transferring the Seamen's Club to West Point, as our morning contemporary's correspondent suggests, but by the wholesale removal of the Club and of all the booths located in West Point to the neighbouring Kowloon peninsula.

It would be a pity to see a man who has done so much for the city, without in the least disturbing the urban dweller of Victoria with his night revelry and his debauched life from his operatic repertoire. As matters stand, it would appear that the centre of attraction for the 'leaves' men is the beach, and that the most crowded thoroughfares before they reach their destination. It is no rare occurrence to see in broad daylight dozens of rickshaws occupied by so many roaring specimens of humanity forcing their way through the crowd of business men brushing past the brokering fraternity stationed

Tokyo's Enormous Population NEARLY 7,000,000

TOKYO, Apr. 12. WITH a population of 6,830,523 in its 1,468,196 households, Tokyo is now the second largest city in the world, next only to New York, according to statistics just released by the Metropolitan Police Board.

Official figures based on investigations conducted at the end of 1938 show that Tokyo's population has increased by 184,957, with an increase of 44,540 in the number of households.

The male population is now 3,521,894 and the female 3,308,629, showing increases of 80,000 males and 104,290 females on the figures for the previous year.

Since the natural increase of Tokyo's population for 1938 should be 41,238, the present phenomenal increase in ascribed to the migration from other localities of those chiefly seeking employment at the various munition factories. It is surely demonstrated by the enormous increase of population in the factory zones, one of which districts showed an increase of 40,000.—Domei.

In Queen's Road, and indulging in broadmindedness in the midst of a vast traffic, it is surely disconcerting to see men sporting themselves among respectable citizens, regardless of all decorum and propriety. Then at night the scene is doubly hideous. From eight or nine o'clock to the small hours, Queen's Road is monopolised by heavily drunken sailors with a good sprinkling of the rickshaws, who cruise about in rickshaws and yell in all the keys of the musical scale.

25 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1914. Reuter's correspondent at Athens reports that the Albanians who occupied the village between Premeti and Aloskivi were attacked by Epirotes, and were compelled to withdraw with heavy loss.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that a communication from the Triple Entente regarding the form of the proposed Greek-Greek Triple Alliance aiming at the speedy evacuation of Southern Albania by Greek troops. An exchange of views is now in progress and it is expected that unity of all the Powers will be effected without difficulty.

10 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1929. In appreciation of the Tung Wah Hospital as Eye Specialist Consultant, Dr. G. Montague Harrison was made the recipient of a cheque, the presentation of which was made at the Hospital by Mr. M. K. Lee, the Chairman of the Council of the Institution.

In making the presentation, Mr. Lo stated that Dr. Harrison had gratuitously treated 60,000 patients at the Hospital in the course of his services, and had also performed no less than 6,000 operations.

The President and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association were at home yesterday afternoon to members and friends at the Helena May Institute, and following the reception a meeting was held, during the course of which the Victoria Diocesan Association and the Church Missionary Association became merged into one body, under the style and title of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association.

The following new members have joined the Kowloon Residents' Association:—Messrs. A. E. Silstone, D. J. Evans, A. A. R. Botelho, A. C. Jeffrey, D. W. Kuntze, G. E. F. Thompson, A. Asselst, J. M. de Rocha, W. S. Luke, W. C. John, R. T. Nelson and T. B. Wilson.

Members are reminded that their subscription for 1929 are now due, and should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Tester and Abraham, Exchange Buildings, Hongkong.

5 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1934. The startling figures revealing the extent of the increases in the German defence forces estimates would appear to provide sufficient ground for British enquiry as to the precise meaning of the enlarged appropriations. In all, the estimates provide for an expenditure of the equivalent of over £250,000,000—a phenomenally heavy sum for a country which is supposed to be compulsorily disarmed. About £50,000,000 is set aside for the Army, which by Treaty is limited to 100,000 men; £15,000,000 for the Navy, which is limited to thirty-six ships, none of more than ten thousand tons; and £5,000,000 for an Air Force which is not supposed to exist.

British Troops For Egypt

JERUSALEM, Apr. 11.

TWO British Infantry Battalions, one mechanised cavalry unit, one transport detachment, and one battery of horsedrawn artillery left Palestine on Tuesday for Egypt.

It was declared that this was no exceptional measure, and is to be regarded merely as routine troop movements.—Trans-Ocean.

AMERICA WATCHING JAPAN

Actions May Have Repercussions

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11. SENATOR Robert Reynolds of the Senate Insular Affairs Committee to-day told the "United Press" that Japanese actions in the Far East will play an important part in the Committee's decisions.

"There is no doubt that Far Eastern developments will greatly influence the Committee's action," he said. "I think the Senate's elimination of the Guam naval base is a good indication of what the Senate has in mind."

Senator Hayden declined to speculate on whether the Bill will be voted upon on Tuesday.

Asked whether a strong feeling had resulted from Japan's growing activities in the Orient, he said, "This is one reason why I do not wish to divulge my views, except to the Committee."—United Press.

Malta's New Constitution Renounced

Rome, Apr. 11. The National Party at Malta, under the leadership of the Nationalist and patriot Mizz, at a Party Congress to-day, unanimously decided to renounce the new constitution, and to demand that the British authorities guarantee that Italian will be taught in the schools.

In a resolution which was submitted to the Secretary of State for Colonies, the National Party states that with unbroken energy and inflexible faith in final victory, the fight for religious, cultural and general rights of the Maltese population would be continued.—Trans-Ocean.

German-Polish Talks

Warsaw, Apr. 11. The Polish Ambassador to Berlin, M. Lipski, arrived here on Tuesday evening and was immediately received by the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck.

M. Lipski informed Colonel Beck on the talk he had before leaving Berlin with the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, when the German Government was officially informed of the Anglo-Polish Pact, and the German Foreign Minister explained the German point of view.

It is stated that Colonel Beck will receive the German Ambassador to Warsaw, Herr von Molke, on Wednesday.—Trans-Ocean.

CHILDREN AND WAR

Belfast, Apr. 11. The Minister of Labour to-day paid at a conference of the Ulster Teachers' Congress that they should assure children in the case of hostilities, as children's minds turn too much to war if given the smallest encouragement.—Reuter.

Kowloon Residents' Assn: Activity

THE MONTHLY meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Tuesday, 4th April, in St. Andrew's Church Hall at 5.30 p.m.

The following were present: Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E. (President), Mr. Lam Ming Fan (Vice President), Rev. H. D. Rosenthal (Hon. Secretary), Mr. R. H. Wong (Hon. Treasurer), Hon. Mr. L. D'Almeida, Castro Jr., Mr. F. B. Blakey, Mr. R. Baldwin, Rev. Fr. A. Grannell, Mr. E. I. Leitao, Mr. Li Chor Chi, Mr. G. T. Marshall, Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, Miss R. Mow Fung, Mr. I. N. Murray, Mr. R. Pestonji, Miss H. D. Sawyer, Mr. D. O. Silver, Mr. J. N. Sweeney and Mr. C. E. Terry.

Mr. D. O. Silver was appointed to represent the Association on the Street Sleepers Shelter Society.

The question of bathing facilities at Leikook Beach during the forthcoming bathing season was discussed and it was left to the Correspondence Sub-Committee to write to the Director of Medical Services asking if something might be done in the near future to render this beach available and safe for bathing purposes.

REFUSE DUMPING

The Committee viewed with a great deal of concern the many reports that had been received with regard to the dumping of refuse in the Harbour, particularly in Kowloon Bay and in the vicinity of Stonecutter's Island.

A great deal of this refuse was cast up at Taiwan Bay and other beaches in Kowloon and constituted a positive nuisance and menace to health. It was decided to write to the Director of Medical Services drawing his attention to this practice.

A letter from Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto was read in which he expressed his willingness as a member of the Urban Council, to take up any matters affecting Kowloon.

Dr. Basto's interest in Kowloon affairs was very encouraging and the Secretary was instructed to write thanking him for his offer of assistance.

The Markets & Sanitation Sub-Committee reported on the conditions existing in the area east of Grampian Road. They found that a large number of matchboxes and wooden huts had been built and more were in course of erection. It appeared to them that the inhabitants were squatters and probably had no right to erect these shacks.

It was decided to write again to

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April 12, 1939

"Mare Nostrum"

THE CRISIS not boils and bubbles
along the shores lapped by the
placid waters of the Mediterranean,
heated by the fires of aggrandisement
on the one side, suspicion and
fear on the other.

The real quarrel is the lordship
of the inland sea.
Italy calls it "Mare Nostrum"—
"Our Sea."

Ordinarily, that would not matter.
But when Mussolini decides that
the Mediterranean becomes his sea
to the exclusion of other nations,
Britain must act. It may be Italy's
sea, but it is Britain's artery. An
Italian torpedoneer would stop the
life-blood of commerce flowing be-
tween the heart of the Empire and
its finger-tips in Hongkong, Singa-
pore, India.

That is why there is stationed in
the Mediterranean now a very im-
posing portion of the British fleet.
Britain's warships are not there to
impede the communications of any
nation, but to protect her own.

Because of this, the position in
the Mediterranean to-day is a very
interesting one, vastly different
from 1914-18. We had enemies in
the inland sea then—Austria-Hun-
gary and Turkey both had
respectable-sized fleets.

To-day, Britain's warships are
still so superior that they could
bottle up any possible combination
of enemies in the Mediterranean.
But a new factor has entered into
consideration. Were there no Air
Force, the British fleet would do-
minate the Mediterranean as in
former times.

It is in the air that Italy is so
superior in the Mediterranean.
The story of Abyssinia would have
been a vastly different one but for
these Italian planes.

You heard of what they did in
Albania, of how they destroyed
Spanish towns. In both these coun-
tries, however, only a few hundred
planes were used. Of Italy's 4,000
planes only 400 went to Spain—an
equal number was used in Albania.
Against this number Britain has
no more than a thousand planes
within reach of the Mediterranean.
Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus, the Suez
Canal are all within reach of Mus-
solini's bombers.

If there is ever trouble between
Italy and Britain, we may be tem-
porarily forced from the Mediter-
ranean. Hongkong's trade with
Europe will have to be diverted via
the Cape or Panama.

Will that help Italy?
Not Britain need only withdraw
her warships to Gibraltar in the
west, to Aden in the East. Italy
will be as effectually strangled as
was Germany in 1918.

For it is not the Mediterranean
itself, but these two British for-
tresses, which are the key to "Mare
Nostrum."

MENACE of the MEDITERRANEAN

By GENERAL
NIESSEL

The distinguished French soldier,
who, as a former Inspector-
General of Aviation, is one of
the greatest living authorities on
the air arm. He was a member
of the French Supreme War
Council, and has been decorated
with the Grand Cross of the
Legion of Honour.

THE whole world lives
in the hope that
Mediterranean tension
will soon find a satisfactory
settlement.

It is proper at this moment to
study the strategic situation in
the Mediterranean, with special
reference to the changes which
the use of warplanes has brought
to the normal conditions of naval
warfare.

Before the development of the
age of machinery and before the
birth of those two new weapons
of war, the aeroplane and the
submarine, fleets of warships
could hold the high seas for
months at a time and could
blockade from a close range an
enemy coastline. At the same
time, with the artillery of that
pre-aviation period, well defend-
ed ports, even if they were right
on the coast level, formed safe
harbours for warships.

To-day, however, modern
ships need to return to harbour
very frequently for repairs and
for re-fuelling; ports on the
actual coastline can be bombard-
ed from a distance by artillery,
and all ports are within the field
of action of enemy aircraft.

Warships, moving fast, can to
a small extent protect them-
selves from attack by air. But
aeroplanes and submarines work-
ing together make navigation
for hostile war fleets in narrow
seas extremely dangerous.

Strategic Advantages

This is particularly the case
with the Mediterranean, and it
would be no exaggeration to
look upon the whole of this sea
as a focal area of grave danger
where sea movements would be
most difficult to protect, above
all, from air attack.

There is no denying the patent
fact that the central position of
Italy, lying across the middle of
the Mediterranean, gives her re-
markable strategic advantages
in the western half of that sea.

From the coasts of Sardinia
to those of North Africa the dis-
tance is barely one hundred
miles; only seventy miles
separate Sicily from the
northern cape of Tunisia, with
another seventy between Sicily
and Malta. The triangle of sea
between Sardinia, Sicily, and the
coastline of Naples has a base of
only four hundred miles, and
there is not a point in the Tyrrhenian Sea which is more
than three hundred miles distant
from the nearest point either in
Italy or from the coast of Italian
Northern Africa.

In the whole of this area,
which cuts the Mediterranean in
two, the greater part of Italy's
land flying forces could co-
operate in Italy's offensive naval
operations and could render even
ordinary navigation extremely
dangerous, if not impossible, to
an enemy.

Malta, with its harbour, re-
stricted in size, could no longer
afford protection to the British
Fleet.

The far western part of the
Western Mediterranean as far as
Gibraltar becomes less exposed
to such terrible danger as the
distance from Sardinia increases.
Nevertheless, even in this part
of the Mediterranean, the
Italian seaplanes and Italian air-
men who accomplished the flight
across the Atlantic would be
capable of undertaking the jour-
ney of 1,500 miles (there and
back) which separates Sardinia
from Gibraltar.

Britain's Peril

It is necessary to emphasise
the fact that Italian aviation
would in these seas have the
enormous advantage of being
based on its national territory,
close to its reserve depots and to
the factories which ensure its
replacement, its spare parts, its
stores and arms. British war-
plane fleets, on the other hand,
would have to be entirely re-



plenished from England, and
would have no safe base on
land.

The warplanes carried with
the British Fleet are too inferior
in number ever to hope to be
able to gain supremacy in the
air over the Italian seaplane and
landplane war fleets, whose
technical efficiency is quite equal
to that of their British rivals.

It is therefore plain that
though British naval superiority
in surface craft would compel
the Italian surface fleet to be
extremely careful, the Italian
Navy, aided by its proximity to
its own bases and powerfully
supported first by its air fleet,
and secondly by its considerable
number of submarines, would be
able to find many extremely
favourable occasions for success-
ful attack.

Looking Eastwards

In the Eastern Mediterranean
the comparative situation of the
two hypothetically rival Air
Forces would not be so extreme-
ly unequal.

British Air Forces could, like
the British Fleet, find bases in
Cyprus, at Haifa, and on the
northern coast of Egypt, where
they have an admirably well-
organised refitting station at
Aboukir.

Nevertheless, even here the
Italian warplanes based on
Rhodes and the Dodecanese
Islands are only 450 miles from
Haifa, less than 400 miles from
the entry to the Suez Canal, and
only 350 miles from Alexandria.

Dangerous Possibilities

The Italians also have bases
available in Libya, the frontier
of which is but 300 miles from
Alexandria. The coast of Libya,
as well as that of Rhodes, would
at the same time form admirable

working bases for the Italian
under-sea fleet. The British
Fleet, despite its great
superiority in tonnage and num-
bers, could not prevent the
Italian over-sea and under-sea
fleets working in combination.

In the Red Sea, however, the
British Fleet would exercise an
undoubted superiority, for it
can be taken that Italy would
not commit the grievous fault of
sending to that region any im-
portant units. But here again
the powerful Air Force that
Italy has built up in East Africa
would be able to exercise a police
control which would be extreme-
ly dangerous to any commercial
navigation in that narrow sea.
It would also be able to effect
diversions, conjointly with the
Italian land forces, in the direc-
tion of the Sudan, which would
be excessively unpleasant.

Despite the distance that
separates the South-east of
Libya from Eritrea, it would not
be impossible, either, for Italian
warplanes to cross the distance
and fly right over the Sudan.

The Aeroplane's Influence

To sum up, in the event of a
conflict in the Mediterranean
and in the Red Sea, the entrance
into action of the air fleets would
have a marked influence on the
progress of operations. In par-
ticular, it would compel the
greater part of merchant ship-
ping to avoid the Mediterranean
and thus cause in economic up-
heaval.

SMELLS AROUND THE WORLD

A famous explorer re-
cently followed his nose
around the world, and these
are the points he touched
upon:—

Strait of Malacca.—You meet a
warm, fruity smell, especially when
a fruit known as the durian is ripe.
A durian always reminds me of
Singapore.

Ceylon.—In our childhood's days
on occasional Sundays we sang about
the "spicy breezes" that blew from
Ceylon's Isle, but I have been to
Ceylon dozens of times and have
never noticed the scent of shore.
But the moment you get on shore
you scent the betel nut; you can shut
your eyes and imagine the naked
brown body of the rickshaw man.

China.—China conjures up in my
mind the smell of multi-eaten cen-
turies. I think it is due to the length
of time the country has lived—and
the lack of disinfectants.

West Coast.—The smell of decaying
vegetation recalls the West Coast of
Africa.

Japan.—Japan has the genuine
spicy smell. If somebody handed
you a Japanese article and your eyes
were closed you would know it was
Japanese.

Chili.—Any hot, dry, hard smell
would remind me of Chili and Peru.
The Ideal.—Mauritius, however,
has what I call the ideal smell. You
are up in the mountains with the
roses, and there is a freshness and
a charm about it that I have never
met elsewhere in all my wanderings.

Berlin.—Berlin conveys the im-
pression that even if there were any
smells they would be numbered and
under police regulation.

Paris.—The French capital has a
careless smell about it.

On the Ocean.—The deep blue sea
has no smell of its own, but that
very fact strengthens the smell of the
old sailing ship—the smell of the tar
on the ropes that brings with it a
sense of heart yearning.

Other places which have distinc-
tive smells in his recollection are:—
Aden—hides and heat.
Leningrad—wood fires.

Oregon (U.S.A.) and Sutherland-
shire—pine trees.

San Francisco—"a really fruity
smell."

Hungary and Rumania—cattle
sheds and stables.

Arabic—rancid butter.

Burma—"the whacking white-
cheerful" and the "brown smell" of
the Irrawaddy.

BOMBAY, Apr. 11.—About £100,-
000 worth of gold left Bombay to-day,
half of which is optionally being sent
to New York, Paris, and Amsterdam.
—Reuters.

HOLLAND IS READY But Dutchmen Will Mind Own Business

Says
Barnaby Cobb

IT doesn't matter whether you visit
Holland when the tulips are in
bloom or whether you arrive at the
look of Holland before dawn on a
bleak February morning, the Dutch-
man is there on the quay—polite,
calm, untroubled.

And while you realise that Holland
is not yet awake, you are aware, even
so, that the peace around you is not
due entirely to the earliness of the
hour—for you have already noted
the serenity in the people's faces.

THIS great little country, it must
be remembered, has been at
peace for over a hundred years.

It was partly to discover if the
Dutchman's calm had been ruffled by
recent events that I visited Holland
again.

What had the Dutchman said—or
done—when he heard rumours that
his great possessions might be in the
melting pot of Hitler's dreams to be
parcelled out as he thought fit?

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"More labour trouble, Snodgrass—the vice presidents have or-
ganised and gone on strike!"

"What would the Dutchman have
done had Hitler decided to put such
fanciful dreams into action?"

I PUT the question to the man sit-
ting opposite to me in the car-
riage after we had exchanged cigar-
ettes.

"We have a warlike neighbour,"
he said. "Why talk of him."
As though to humour me he said,
finally: "War is not won by aero-
planes or bombs any more, my friend.
We have already seen that. The
next war, they say, will be with gas.
Well, our prevailing wind is from the
west—from the sea. Only for sixty
days in the year does it blow the
other way. So you see," he added,
with a gesture conveying the futility
of further discussion, "the gas would
blow towards Germany, not to us."
"But war," I said, "has always
been won on land with armies and
artillery."

Humouring me once more he said:
"It is so simple. If war should come
with Germany we concentrate our
army on the N.E. frontier. We can
hold that long enough for our civil-
ian population in that area to be
evacuated. Then we fall back to a
line east of Utrecht and open the
dykes from the Zuider Zee. That
will save Rotterdam, Amsterdam,
The Hague and Utrecht. No army
can cross that water."

AT The Hague, where our train
stopped for a moment, I inter-
rupted his discourse on tulip-growing
to ask if the Queen didn't live there.
His solemn, expressionless face
lighted up. "Yes," he said, "and
she's a fine woman, our Queen. Like
my mother. She wears four petti-
coats."

His wife didn't wear four petticoats
he explained, for it wasn't the custom
now.

The Queen rode a bicycle, too, like
all people in Holland. His mother
(Continued on Page 10.)

"NO WAR" SAYS LORD BEAVERBROOK

Germany Will Not Provoke Britain

NEW YORK, April 11. SCRIPPS-HOWARD newspapers to-day publish a copyright article by Mr. Roy Howard, Editor in Chief of the New York World Telegram.

"I interviewed Lord Beaverbrook, who said 'There is not going to be a war now,'" said Mr. Howard.

"Lord Beaverbrook said Germany will not provoke the British and French to fight now because they know that such a fight would end Hitler and the Nazis.

"He said Britain's production of first line fighting planes is reported to have approximated 1,000 during March.

"He said the British Navy is bigger and more powerful than all the other European navies combined.

"Lord Beaverbrook said Britain is not basing her calculations on any expectancy of American participation in the war, although 'If America would fight, that is good news,'" he said.—United Press.

Congress Debate On Neutrality

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11.

REPRESENTATIVE Voorhies, Californian Democrat, to-day proposed an embargo on war supplies to nations guilty of bombing civil populations.

Discussing the Japanese activities in China, some Congressional sentiment was reflected favoring willingness to apply the proposed measure to Japan only.

When asked if he favoured the immediate enactment of the measure specifically naming Japan due to "past performances in China," Representative Voorhies said he wanted a general measure to be applicable to all nations engaging in civilian bombardments and that he did not believe individual nations should be named.

He said he believed that the United States would have embargoed shipments of war supplies to Japan long ago, except for trade considerations.

PRESENT LAW OPPOSED

Representative Faddis, Pennsylvania Democrat, opposed the present Neutrality Law because it tends to aid Japanese aggressors and hurt the Chinese.

He said although the Act has not yet been invoked, it tended to restrict trade with China because the United States' businessmen never knew when war would be declared and their contracts cancelled.

Representative Mann, Minnesota Republican, said the United States should defend their interests throughout the world and maintain free access in Asia, particularly with Malaya, and that they should defend their interests in China if they found their rights there were vital.

"My own sympathy is with China," he said. "We are definitely helping China through not invoking the Neutrality Act."

Representative Mann said he supported the Guam proposal "because Japan would never try to pass such a fortification and that it would keep Japan in Oriental waters."

He said the present Neutrality Act as well as the United States loan to China had further antagonized Japan, and that otherwise China would have been conquered more quickly.

He expressed the belief that the United States should sell China everything she needs to continue the war, and that funds should be lent to any warring nation that the United States wanted to lend to.

LINDBERGH TO TESTIFY
Representative Carl Bloom, to-day told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that he expects Colonel Lind-

Another U.S. Protest

Peking, Apr. 12.

For the sixth time within a month the American Embassy has protested to the Japanese authorities at the bombing of American property in China.

The latest incidents occurred at Yingtan in Kiangsu on April 4 and at Hongyang in Honan on April 6. In each incident American mission property was badly damaged, and there were some Chinese casualties at Yingtan.

No American casualties were reported in either incident.

At the time of the bombings American flags were prominently displayed.—Reuter.

Big Robberies Reported

Loot valued at \$1,350 was the proceeds of two daring burglaries in Hongkong yesterday.

A widow living in a matchbox at Taihang, Causeway Bay, lost her entire fortune when thieves entered the matchbox between 8 a.m. and noon and stole bank-notes and small coins to the total value of \$1,050.

Three hundred dollars was stolen in another robbery in the servants' quarters at the Hongkong Jockey Club in Happy Valley.

SAYS LORD

Wu Pei-Fu's Stony Silence

PEKING, Apr. 12.

MR. Wang Keh-min, head of the Peking Provisional Government, interviewed in his return from Nanking at a meeting of the United Council, denied that there was any connection between the Provisional Government and Mr. Wang Ching-wei. Wang Keh-min added that the possibility of forming a new Central Government was not even discussed in Nanking. He admitted that invitations from the Government to Marshal Wu Pei-fu had not even elicited a reply.—Reuter.

Detained Ships

DRASTIC JAPANESE ACTION?

TOKYO, Apr. 12.

THE ten steamers under the Portuguese flag which have been detained by the Japanese naval authorities, were detained on suspicion of having supplied arms and munitions to the Chinese guerrillas, according to press messages from Shanghai.

The reports add that the Japanese authorities are likely to take drastic action on completion of their investigations.

Also they say that the Japanese naval authorities in Shanghai have recently been paying attention to foreign steamers which have been engaged in smuggling arms and munitions for Chinese guerrillas near Shanghai, hence the detention of ten steamers which have been flying the Portuguese flag allegedly supplying the guerrillas with war materials.—United Press.

Nazis In Argentine

Buenos Aires, Apr. 11.

The morning newspapers here, all apparently from the same source, today reported that the police have uncovered an organized chain of Nazi agents directing the work of Nazi centres throughout the Argentine.—United Press.

BRITISH CASH FOR BURMA LINE

40-Year-Old Railway Dream Coming True

LONDON, Apr. 11.

THE CHINESE Government's Purchasing Commission recently placed orders with British firms for £180,000 worth of all sorts of construction material for the Yunnan-Burma railway, which is actively being pressed on towards completion.

Further orders are now being negotiated.

The railway follows the route recommended by British engineers 40 years ago.

The "Times" correspondent, who recently motored over the Lashio-Kunming motor road, minutely describes his impressions, and observes: "This is a fine feat of Chinese engineering."

The total length from Lashio to the frontier is 124 miles, and from the frontier to Kunming 648 miles. Of the Chinese sector, 367 miles from Hsankwan to the frontier were only begun in October, 1937, and despite the altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 8,000 feet, the road was completed for light traffic in 14 months.

Unlimited Labour

The worst stretch is from Lung-ling to Salween Valley, crossing an 8,000 feet mountain barrier of very steep gradients, and almost impossible curves, with sheer drops of 2,000 feet on the outer side. Almost unlimited labour is now engaged on this part, but owing to the geological nature of the ground, landslides are frequent.

Monsoon Dangers

A suspension bridge, 280 feet wide which crosses Salween was only recently finished, and it is now being reconstructed for heavier loads.

The "Times" correspondent expresses the opinion that if the road is to stand heavy traffic during the monsoon season, it must have adequate drains cut on the inside and which lead under the road.

Nevertheless, he says, the greatest credit is due to the Chinese engineers. "One leaves Yunnan with the utmost admiration for the determination and courage of the Chinese."—Reuter.

NEW BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR PALESTINE ARABS

Cairo, Apr. 11.

AN EXCHANGE of opinions between London and Cairo on the question of Palestine, which were unexpectedly opened by the British Government at Easter, is considered to have been concluded.

According to competent observers, the British proposals, commented by the Egyptian Ambassador to London are regarded as suitable for a basis for discussion. They will be recommended to the leaders of the Palestine Arabs through Egyptian and Saudi-Arabia mediators.

Their contents are not yet revealed, but Egyptian political circles believe that the essential point will be the establishment of a new Arab State. The plan would include the partition of Syria with large parts of northern Syria, particularly Aleppo being offered to Turkey if she would be prepared to join the anti-German front.

Zionist Leader's New Proposals

London, Apr. 11.

The Zionist leader, Dr. C. Weizmann arrived in Cairo to-day by air from Palestine.

Dr. Weizmann is said to have with him counter-proposals to the British proposals for a solution of the Palestine question, which have been

MACAO ELECTRIC COMPANY PROFITS

A substantial profit on 1938 was reported at the 28th ordinary annual general meeting of the Macao Electric Lighting Co. held at the offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews this morning.

Mr. F. J. Gellion presided and there were present: Mr. Henrique Nolasco and Mr. Wong Yu-chia (Directors), Mr. M. M. Watson (representing Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Secretaries), and Mr. A. B. Raworth and Mr. A. Ritchie Shareholders.

The Chairman said: After providing for Depreciation the sum of \$55,415.20, there remains a Net Profit for the year of \$107,019.24 which, together with the sum of \$105,887.48 brought forward from last year, makes a total of \$303,506.72 for Appropriation.

With this it is proposed to pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 80,000 shares, absorbing \$112,500.

To pay to the Government of Macao 5 per cent. on the amount distributed as dividend as per Clause 15 of the Concessionary Contract, absorbing \$5,625.

To transfer to General Reserve the amount of \$50,000, and to carry forward for next year's account the sum of \$135,381.72.

I am very pleased to say that the year under review met with our expectations, when the total Kilowatt Hours sold increased by 15 per cent. and the number of consumers by 10 per cent. and we were able to reduce our Bank overdraft by almost two lakhs, which I am sure you will agree was very satisfactory.

I am glad to state that the Company's Plant and Equipment has given every satisfaction and has been maintained in a high state of efficiency.

The report and accounts were adopted on the resolution of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Raworth. The re-election of Mr. N. G. Beale as a Director was approved on the resolution of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Raworth.

Mr. Nolasco proposed and Mr. Raworth seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming as auditors.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market opened very quietly after the Easter recess and remained so throughout the day. Only a very small turnover was reported at prices round the opening quotations.

Buyers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,250
Canton Insurance	\$225
Union Insurance	\$405
H.K. Land	\$325
H.K. Tramways	\$10.20
China Lights (Old)	\$0.15
Daily News	\$0.15
Antanokan	\$0.35
Bank of China	\$2.15
Benque	Consolidated 11.70
Coco Grove	33 1/2
Demonstrations	13
Hogans	24 1/2
North Camarines	50
San Marcial	1.74
Sun	10
United Paracale	50

'Holy Comintern' Festival In Shanghai

Shanghai, Apr. 12. The "festival of the holy anti-Comintern on the eve of the coming world war" is how the Shanghai "Manchik Shimbun," the local Japanese paper describes the anti-Comintern function, which, according to the Japanese press, is scheduled to be held under the auspices of the anti-Comintern Cultural Society of Shanghai at an hotel in Hongkew next Saturday evening.

Prominent German, Italian, and Japanese residents will participate, it is stated. Some 800 persons, according to the press, are expected to attend the affair, which will include dance contests.—Reuter.

Hongkong Begins To Warm Up

IT'S getting warmer and warmer.

From Monday's maximum temperature of 72 degrees, the mercury yesterday rose to a peak recording of 75, and this morning at 10 o'clock it had already touched the 74 mark, indicating that before the day is through the temperature is likely to be in the 80's.

However, during the past 24 hours, the thermometer dropped to a minimum of 68 degrees.

Humidity remained high this morning, registering 84 per cent.

The present sultry conditions are likely to persist. The local forecast is light to moderate east and south-east winds, cloudy, with local fog or mist.

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anti-cyclone covers Korea and the Sea of Japan. Another anti-cyclone appears to be forming over North China.

Shallow depressions are moving eastward over Mongolia and the Eastern Sea, while pressure remains relatively low over Tongkipit.

Reaction To Crisis

EUROPEAN BOURSES DEPRESSED

London, Apr. 11.

Sharp declines on the principal European bourses came as no surprise on the re-opening of the markets after the holidays.

The Paris Bourse was depressed owing to a considerable volume of selling, with rates declining from one to two points, while at Amsterdam, the leading stocks weakened up to 15 points, although nervousness was somewhat allayed by Dr. Collin's speech.

On the contrary, although prices on the London Stock Exchange were marked down, there was not much selling pressure visible. British holders mostly refused to be stampeded, and further encouragement was derived from the smallness of the Continental sales, which, owing to the prevailing European nervousness, had been expected to be larger.

The London foreign exchange market was not much affected, the rates of the leading currencies remaining comparatively steady.

On the other hand, keen bidding for dollars was visible in Amsterdam, where the guilder rate was maintained only owing to the large sale of dollars by the Dutch Equalisation Fund.—Reuter.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 11.	
New York Cotton	
Opening	Closing
May	7.99/00
July	7.78/78
October	7.49/49
December	7.44/44
January	7.42/42
March	7.41/41
Spot	7.42N
New York Rubber	
May	16.00/00
September	15.90/95
December	15.97/97
March	15.95/95
To-day's Sales:—3,170 tons.	
Chicago Wheat	
May	08 1/2/08 1/2
July	07 3/4/07 3/4
September	08 1/2/08 1/2
Monday's Sales:—0,737,000 bushels.	
Chicago Corn	
May	47 1/2/47 1/2
July	49 1/4/49 1/4
September	50 1/4/50 1/4
October	50 1/4/50 1/4
Winnipeg Wheat	
May	00 3/4/00 3/4
July	01 1/2/01 1/2
October	02 1/2/02 1/2

WASHINGTON, Apr. 11.—The Senate to-day passed the \$100,000,000 Relief Bill for public works, after rejecting a proposal to increase the amount to \$150,000,000.—Reuter.

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DUFF AND PEARCE OUT OF TENNIS TOURNAMENT

FREE BALL "RACKET" ABOUT TO END: STOP PUT TO BAD PRACTICE

London, Mar. 17.
"The free golf ball racket," as it is called, which, in recent years, has grown to considerable proportions, is about to end, if it has not already done so.

To those behind the scenes it has long been known that certain amateur players have been receiving monthly gifts of golf balls from manufacturers, the object of the gifts being to influence, directly and indirectly, trade for the particular type of ball which the player receives clandestinely.

Naturally, he plays with it, and his friends, hand-picked men, and others, follow suit, writes a correspondent.

In the past this has been one of the methods adopted by the manufacturer in building up what is generally believed to be a lucrative business.

The best golf balls cost 2s.—sometimes the price has run to 2s. 6d. and even 3s.—and at this figure the profit is supposed to be almost astronomical. Hence the keen rivalry to establish a footing in the Eldorado.

IRREGULAR

The practice of accepting gifts of balls is, of course, so highly irregular that the recipient is placing himself in a dangerous position. The practice has become so prevalent that A. C. C. has been compelled to say: "Well, if B is prepared to accept a box of balls monthly, why shouldn't I do the same?"

The practice has become so flagrant that boxes of balls are sent through the post, others appear on the dressing-table at the hotel where the player is staying, while balls are discreetly handed out on the course for the player "to try." There are players who go through a championship, or a tournament, without ever being put to the expense of purchasing a ball.

There is a well-known professional who tells the story of the impeccable amateur who, rather than being suspected of accepting gifts, habitually plays with a brand of ball which he dislikes intensely.

Because of the illegal practices of others he feels compelled to act the role of martyr, an altruistic attitude which, though highly commendable, is most undesirable.

The same professional, a man with business acumen, having duly noted the players who, though never purchasing a ball, always seem well supplied, demands credit notes from the particular manufacturer. What is more, he gets them, a sure test of malpractice.

MALPRACTICE

The "racket" is about to die; if it does not there are certain amateurs who may find themselves in an awkward predicament—the refusal of their entries to the championships and tournaments a prerogative which the authorities have the right to enforce.

London, Mar. 17.
"The free golf ball racket," as it is called, which, in recent years, has grown to considerable proportions, is about to end, if it has not already done so.

While the Royal and Ancient Club has no intention of setting up a detective bureau, it has at last set its face sternly against the illicit traffic which takes out of the pockets of professionals several thousands of pounds a year.

At the instigation of the R. and A. the Professional Golfers' Association has taken up the matter enthusiastically, and provided the manufacturers cannot agree to the abandonment of the practice of gifts of golf balls a "black list" of amateurs will be prepared. Once on the list the golfer will drop.

U.S. ACTION

It is significant of the action of the R. and A. that the United States Golf Association has also been considering the question of amateur status.

Mr. Edward Cheyne, chairman of a committee set up to deal with the subject, states that neither he nor the committee has any intention of employing detective methods to ferret out violations of rules covering amateur standing in golf.

Yet Mr. Cheyne is steadfast in his opinion that the high character of amateur golf must and will be maintained by most drastic action, if such a course is found to be necessary.

Obviously, it is necessary because letters of warning have been addressed to amateur golfers, and to operators of resorts and hotels throughout the country.

Free accommodation is extended to certain amateurs in order to ensure their presence at tournaments and so-called "championships."

Travel vouchers are also given, and as many golf balls as he wants are at the disposal of the player.

No wonder George Von Elm, a former American amateur champion and Walker Cup player, who turned "business man golfer," declared that there were only two real amateur players in America.

Rugger Matches At Home

London, Apr. 11.

The following were the results of

Rugby Union matches played to-day:

Bath 3 Leicester 28

Bristol 11 Nuneaton 11

Cardiff 12 Coventry 8

Newport 6 Darlington 8

Pontypool 6 London Welsh 12

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rochdale 14 Hull Kingston 25

Wakefield 11 Wigan 5

—Reuter.

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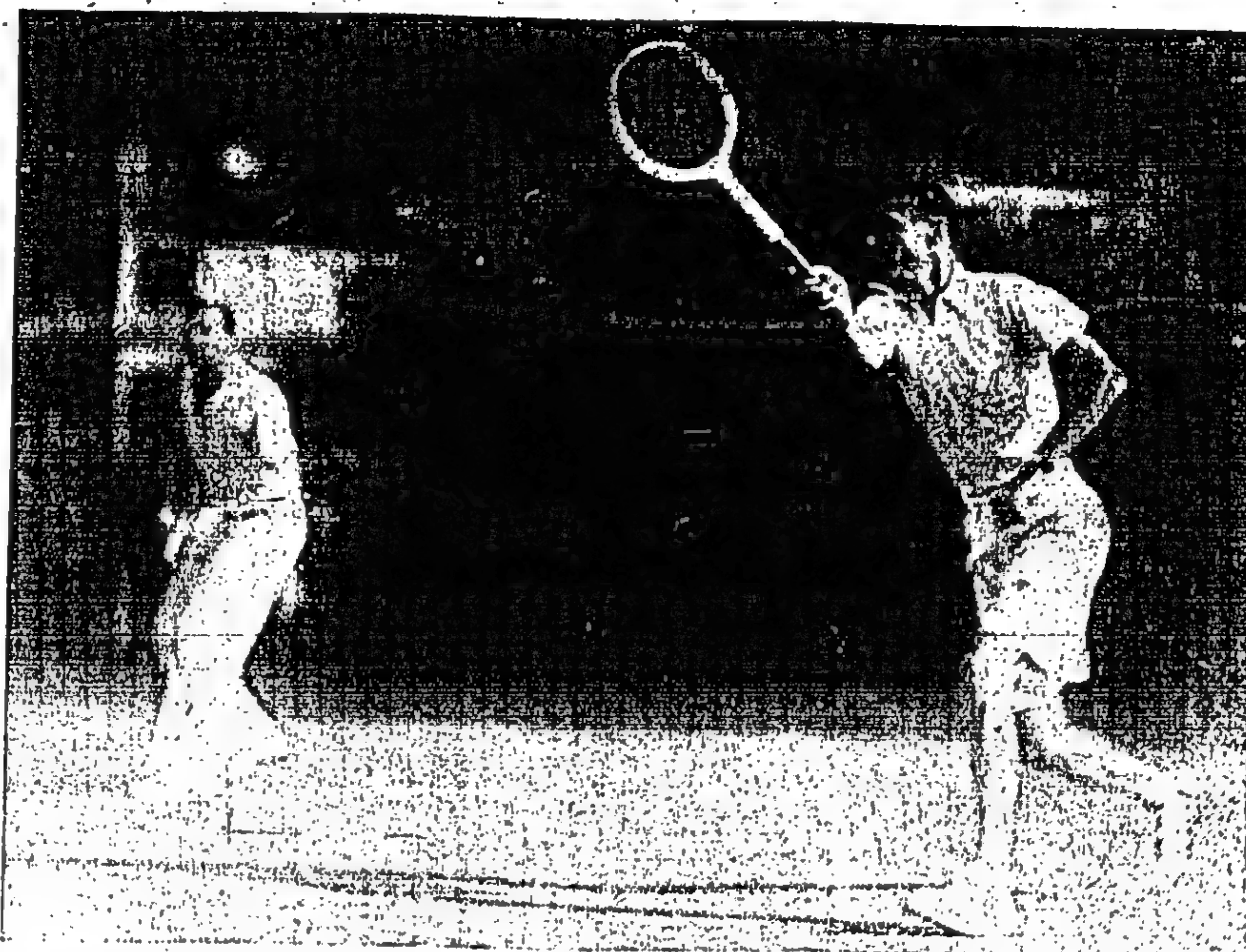
The following are some of the Tournaments and Championships in which Mr. Samuel has participated:

- 1938. Welsh Championships: ... Runner-Up.
- 1938. Eastbourne Championships: Runner-Up.
- 1938. West Sussex: ... Winner.
- 1939. Scottish Championships: Semi-Finalist.
- 1939. Kent Championships: ... Winner.
- 1939. Leicestershire Championships: Winner.
- 1939. Nottinghamshire Championships: Winner.
- 1939. All-Ireland Championships: ... Winner.
- 1939. Sussex Championships: ... Winner.
- 1939. All-England Championships: Semi-Finalist.



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T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. Duff, regarded generally as the strongest British pair in the Colony Tennis Championships, were not steady enough in their replay against Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau yesterday. Duff (right) was not given many opportunities to shine.—Staff Photo.

STATUS OF EUROPEAN NET STARS

Cejnar Denies Reports Turning Pro; Puncce Remains Amateur

London, Mar. 31.
F. Cejnar, the young Czech player, denies reports which are current on the Continent that he intends to turn professional. Cejnar, who is Czechoslovakia's No. 2 player, is studying at the Prague Commercial Academy with the idea of taking up a business career.

L. Hecht, Czechoslovakia's No. 1 player, is another spoken of as likely to become a professional. He is not likely, however, at present.

Hecht hopes to go to the United States and continue to play tennis as an amateur and would like to play at Wimbledon next year. If he is unable to get a job in the United States, however, he may consider offer to turn professional.

F. Puncce, Yugoslavia's leading tennis player, also denies reports that he intends turning professional, says a Belgrade message. He is more interested in helping his country to reach the final of the European Zone of the Davis Cup competition this year.

Puncce said that he had had no offers to turn professional and would have turned them down if he had.

Cycling

EASTER OUTINGS ENJOYED

The Hongkong Cycling Club enjoyed excellent weather on the Easter holiday outings and local cyclists responded enthusiastically to the call of the road. On Sunday no less than three sections were out, the first leaving Alhambra Theatre at 9.45 a.m. and riding to Shantaukok via Union and Fanling. Timin was taken at the border town, and halts for refreshments were made at Castle Peak Bay (Sanhue) on both outward and homeward runs. Kowloon was reached at 6 p.m. and the party crossed to the Island for dinner, later resuming the run to bring the day's mileage up to "century" figures.

A strong party under Mr. Robert Yuen left Kowloon for a tour of the Circuit at 10.30 a.m., and successfully concluded the trip before darkness set in. At Tai-po, greetings were exchanged with the social section under Messrs. Kam Yiu-wah and Mok Hing-woon, whilst the "centurions" overhauled Mr. Yuen's party near Castle Peak at 4.30 p.m., when photographs were taken. One woman cyclist was included in Mr. Yuen's party, whilst several joined the largest (social) section, which left Kowloon at 10 a.m. to journey to Tai-po and back.

An informal outing was carried through on Good Friday, the Captain heading a party which left the Alhambra Theatre at 10 a.m. Brilliant sunshine and a helpful wind brought the riders to Sanhue at 2.15 p.m. via Tai-po and Fanling, in spite of frequent halts for photographic purposes. A lengthy halt was made at Tingkau, and a portion of the hill from Tsuenwan was covered on foot, before the riders gained Kowloon at 5 p.m. to conclude a delightful spin.

On Saturday next, the Club loses one of its founder members in the person of Mr. L. A. Anning, who departs for Home. One of the most active riders in the early years of the Club, Mr. Anning has of late confined himself to various administrative activities, and his departure will be greatly regretted. As Hon. Auditor of the Club he has been succeeded by Mr. P. Stanley.

IMPORTANT POINTS BEFORE COMMITTEE OF HONGKONG L.B.A.

(By "Abe")

A meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will be held this afternoon in the boardroom of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. to confirm arrangements for the forthcoming League season.

Amongst the business of the meeting will be (1) to fix a date for the commencement of the League; (2) to decide on the composition of each of the three divisions; (3) to approve the provisional fixtures already drawn up; and (4) to appoint a sub-committee to take care of the competitions during the summer.

It has been the custom in the past to start the League season in Hongkong on the last Saturday in April; so it is almost certain that the League will commence this year on Saturday, April 29.

As has already been announced, 27 teams will take part in the League, whereas last year there were only 24—made up of eight teams in each of the three divisions. As three new teams have entered for competition, presumably in the Third Division, we may find an uneven distribution of teams in the various divisions if the Committee adhere strictly to the promotion and relegation rule passed a couple of seasons ago. Therefore, leaving eight teams in each of the First and Second Divisions, we will have 11 teams in the Third. This means that the top two divisions will conclude their programme weeks ahead of the Third.

Personally, I don't think this is really desirable. It would be a much better scheme to balance up the three divisions—nine teams each—so that the League programme will conclude, barring postponements, of course, approximately the same time. The Committee then will know where they stand, and will be able to make arrangements for competitions, etc., accordingly.

The meeting this evening will decide on this question, and in view of

the importance of the matter a full attendance is requested.

Home Football

EVERTON SURE OF VICTORY

London, Apr. 11.

Wolves dropped a valuable point in the First Division of the English Football League to-day, being held to a 2-2 draw by Aston Villa. As a result, Everton now need only two more points from their remaining four matches to be certain of the championship.

Though they won their home match against Middlesbrough to-day, Leicester are by no means out of the relegation danger zone, but Huddersfield's home win over Grimsby has moved them up appreciably.

The following were the results of matches played to-day:

FIRST DIVISION	
Aston Villa	2 Wolves
Huddersfield	2 Grimsby
Leicester	5 Middlesbrough
SECOND DIVISION	
Bradford	1 West Ham
Coventry	2 Norwich

—Reuter.



A scene in the South China goal-mouth in the Kowloon Cup soccer match on Monday between the South China A.A. and the Army. Cheung Wing-chol, the Chinese goal-keeper, just beats Calvert, the Army centre-forward, to the ball.—Staff Photographer.

LOSE IN REPLAY AGAINST HO AND LEE: STEADINESS WINS IN END

(By "Abe")

Lacking almost completely the "fireworks" which had made their previous meeting so entertaining to watch, yesterday's stand court match in the Colony Tennis Championships between T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. "Sticks" Duff, of the Hongkong C.C., and Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau, of the Chinese R.C., fell rather below expectations.

Duff, who had dominated the exchanges in the uncompleted match on Thursday last, was not given many opportunities to display his devastating smash. Those which he had he did not make full use of and generally speaking his all-round play was not up to the standard of the first encounter.

Because the former Canadian Davis Cupper was unable to score as many winners as he was expected to do, he and his partner succumbed to the greater steadiness of the Chinese, who won by 6-7, 6-1, 6-2.

The Chinese were the better-balanced pair, and their success was due to some extent, I am sure, to a change in their tactics. Whereas on Thursday they were strictly on the defensive, yesterday they became more aggressive and found that it paid; for in defence Pearce and Duff were distinctly vulnerable. The Chinese were also aided considerably by the numerous mistakes made by their opponents, who sometimes messed up even the simplest of returns. In this respect Pearce was more glibly than Duff.

On the other hand, the Chinese played very steadily throughout. They seldom went out for outright "kills" though they occasionally scored with winning volleys and smashes, and so they rarely made the mistakes which their opponents did. They were never spectacular, but their tally of points piled up.

SHREWD TACTICS

By concentrating on Pearce and keeping the ball as much away from Duff as they could, the Chinese reduced the effectiveness of the latter player, forcing him to "pouch" on many occasions. When he did so, Duff had so little time to make his shot that it was very seldom that he made outright winners of his shots; when he did so, it was all right, but when he did not, he invariably threw both himself and his partner out of position.

Pearce's success with his service was a factor in the first set. He held it three times and his partner rose possible for winning the set in the twelfth game after he and his partner had led 3-1 and 4-2. At 5-5 on Duff's service, the Chinese missed a great opportunity of taking the lead. With the score love-40, they failed to clinch the game, and the Britons, fighting back, won it to lead 6-5. Then, on Lee's service, the Chinese nearly repeated this performance. They fought back from a love-40 score to deuce, but could not prevent their opponents from going out for the set.

In the next two sets, the Britons made for too many mistakes to hope for success against a pair who were almost machine-like in their accuracy. And though Duff and Pearce now and then scored with nice shots, point after point was thrown away by careless stroking. The scores gave fairly accurate idea of the respective merits of the two pairs.

OTHER MATCHES

Starting very shakily, Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong, of the University, dropped the first set quickly against A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios, who conceded only one game. The second set, however, was much closer and a ding-dong struggle ended in the undergraduates winning it after 16 games.

Thus encouraged, Lim and Wong revealed better form in the final set, playing confidently. But this third set seemed to have the reverse effect on the Portuguese players who began to lose their previous accuracy. Leading by 3-1, 4-2, the undergraduates went out in the ninth game to enter the semi-finals.

It must be many years since two University players have gone so far in the Colony Tennis Championships. Lim, of course, came here with a reputation, but Wong hitherto has never been anything more than a useful League player. His form to date in the tournament proves that he has made good progress during the past year. Though small in stature, he has strokes which are worthy of a far more powerfully built player.

It was learned after the match that Lim was playing throughout with fever, and the originally arranged

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Open Singles

Tsui Yun-pui beat A. Crawford 6-3, 6-8, 6-4.

Open Doubles

Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau beat T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. Duff 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 (replay).
Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong beat A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios 1-6, 9-7, 6-3.

Derby

FOXBROUGH NO LONGER FAVOURITE

London, Apr. 11.
Foxbrough II has fallen from favouritism in the betting on the Derby as the result of its defeat at Kempton yesterday when it finished seventh in the Coventry Three-year-old Stakes.

Blue Peter is now the favourite at 10/1. The latest call-over is as follows:

- 10/1 Blue Peter (o)
- 100/8 Rogerstone Castle (o)
- 100/8 Fairstone (o)
- 100/8 Casanova (o)
- 100/6 Triguero (o)
- 100/6 Foxbrough II (o)
- 20/1 Dhooli (t. and o.)
- 33/1 Fair Chance (t. and o.)

—Reuter.

stand court match in which he and his partner were to play the Tsui brothers to-day has been postponed.

A NEAR UPSET

Playing very steadily and confidently, Alec Crawford, the young Kowloon C.C. player, went very close to beating Tsui Yun-pui in the only singles tie of the day. Had he not conceded a lead of 4-1 in the final set, he might have caused Tsui greater anxiety than he actually did. He finished the fresher of the two in spite of having had more running to do, and there was little difference between the stroking of the two at that stage. But the lead which he had established proved useful to Tsui, who could afford to lose a couple of games to reserve himself for the final effort.

At one time the scores had been tied at 4-4 in the third set, with the issue very open. The threatened upset did not materialise, however, and Tsui won the next two games for the set and to enter the quarter-finals.

Tsui Yun-pui is generally regarded as a certainty for the final, as there seems to be little opposition for him in the top half, but he will have to show better form and greater stamina if he is to justify this faith in him.

TO DAY'S PROGRAMME

Owing to the fact that the doubles match has been postponed, to-day's stand court game will be in the singles between Lee Wal-long and I. M. A. Razack.

The following is the full programme:

- Open Singles
- Lee Wal-long v. I.M.A. Razack (stand court)
- Handicap Doubles
- H. J. Sull and Commd. Rust v. T. C. Monaghan and V. R. Gordon
- H. D. Bidwell and A. T. Dow v. E. M. Story and J. J. Ferguson
- Mixed Doubles
- Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman v. L. J. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill

Here's Luck!

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NANCY



WAR TO BE WAGED ON "SUPER WICKETS"

Aftermath Of The Recent Timeless Test At Durban

Edinburgh, Mar. 15.

The neatest comment so far on timeless Test matches appears to be that made by Herbert Sutcliffe, discussing the game at Durban yesterday. "Perhaps," he said, "in the next series of Tests they will play one innings in England and another in South Africa."

It will be taken as encouraging news by most people, however, that something is to be done about Test match wickets. Sir Pelham Warner, speaking yesterday, said:

"This problem of wickets is undergoing careful consideration, and I think that before the summer a definite move will be made to make the fight between bat and ball more even." Sir Pelham had led up to this remark by saying: "There is a lot of rash talk about timeless Tests, but they are making the game more a test of endurance. Personally, I would like to see five-day Tests in England and six-day matches in Australia and South Africa. It seems that the character of the play in these matches has changed in recent years, and that many batsmen disregard their natural methods for unnecessary caution. In addition, the wickets are much too good. I am told that those in South Africa this winter have been marvellously perfect."

M.C.C. PLAYERS MOBBED

There is also told of a war on wickets from Australia. A big effort to speed up wickets in Sydney is to be made by the New South Wales Association. The authorities of all grounds on which grade cricket is played have been asked for reports from their groundsmen, giving the following information:

1. Methods adopted in preparing wickets: weight of roller; soil used, &c.

2. Opinions on methods of making wickets faster.

Later, it is intended to hold a conference of groundsmen to discuss the matter comprehensively. It is generally agreed that the slow wickets have had their influence on batting, and have resulted in a falling-off in stroke play.

As regards the closing scenes at Durban, the M.C.C. players were given a bolusterous farewell when they left by train for Cape Town. Many officials and past and present Springbok players gathered to see them off. The players were nearly mobbed by the huge crowd, and when the train left on the first stage of their homeward journey they were given a series of tremendous cheers.

South African critics generally are antagonistic towards timeless Test matches, though one or two of them point out that the match was not dull.

"GRIM CONDITIONS"

The Natal Mercury's cricket writer says: "South Africa is entitled to 100 per cent. marks for the wonder-

ful way in which her players adapted themselves to the grim conditions to which they were not accustomed.

"Words cannot adequately give credit to the astounding revival on Friday, yesterday, and to-day, but the finish added a taste of grotesque to a match which had already touched the heights of absurdity."

Nelson, in the Rand Daily Mail maintains that England were, on the whole, the better side, but South Africa were not far behind. "Unless the Imperial Cricket Conference can find some satisfactory solution regarding over-prepared wickets, very few Tests in future will be completed in four days," he said.

"The great individual achievements by both sides were eclipsed by fantastic cricket played on a freak wicket that cheapened Test match values," said Louis Duffus. "Rain twice rejuvenated the pitch, which was too good when the match started. This wicket—something of a nine-day wonder—should change cricket history. Neither the loss, the stolen endurance of the South Africans, nor the bulked resolution of the English batsmen proved of any avail."

AUSTRALIANS UNREPENTANT

Despite what happened at Durban, the majority of Australians are unrepentantly in favour of timeless Test matches in order to assure decisions.

A. G. Moyes in the Sydney Sun says it is just common sense and non-sense to suggest that timeless Tests must necessarily breed sleeping sickness and a suppression of all instincts of batsmanship, while Alan Kippax, the former Test player, says that Tests should be played out, but that sportier wickets are needed to give the bowlers a 50-50 chance. On the other hand, C. G. Macartney, another old internationalist, says that timeless Test matches will soon spell the doom of Test cricket.

A.R.P. AMENDMENT

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that all persons in possession of A.R.P. Handbook No. 2 (Third Edition) should amend the last paragraph of page four to read as follows:

"Nasal douching with warm weak sodium bicarbonate solution (60 grs. to one pint) is sometimes helpful."

JOVIAL WALLACE BEERY



Wallace Beery, whose theatrical start was with a circus, is now one of the top-notch stars in the motion picture field. His most recent picture is with Mickey Rooney in "Stablemates."

PONIES CLASSIFIED Latest Alterations Made In Local Lists

The following alterations and additions have been made to the pony classification lists issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club on March 20:

Australian ponies.—Murrumbidgee and Scarlett O'Hara to "B" Class; A Roaring Time and Baffin Bay to "C" Class.

China ponies.—Jennifer to "B" Class; Cuban Love, Georgia, Gold Coin, Green Bay, Jack O'Lantern, King's Worthy, Night View, Sea Horse, Welcome and Wild Cat to "D" Class.

RACE PROGRAMME

Events For Third Extra Meeting On April 22

The following is the programme for the Third Extra Race Meeting, which will be held at Happy Valley on April 22.

1.—2.00 p.m.—St. Kilda Handicap.—For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Ponies of this Season, barred. Jockey Allowance. Six Furlongs.

2.—2.30 p.m.—Canton Handicap.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "B" Class. Grifflins of this Season, barred. Jockey Allowance. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Canton Handicap (Races Nos. 2 and 3). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

3.—3.00 p.m.—St. George's Plate.—A Handicap for Grifflins of this Season. Ponies classified "A" Class, barred. Jockey Allowance. One and a Quarter Miles.

4.—3.30 p.m.—Fatsan Handicap.—First Section.—For China Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Six Furlongs.

Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Fatsan Handicap (Races Nos. 4 and 5). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

5.—4.00 p.m.—Broken Hill Handicap.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Winners of \$500 or less in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

6.—4.30 p.m.—Canton Handicap.—Second Section.

(See Race No. 2).

7.—5.00 p.m.—Fatsan Handicap.—Second Section.

(See Race No. 4).

8.—5.30 p.m.—Hobart Stakes.—For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Winners of more than \$500 in stakes, barred. Weight: 10 lb. under weight for inches. 2 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes. Jockey Allowance. From the 1½ Mile Post (About Half Mile

ATHLETIC SPORTS Wah Yan Past Students To Hold Meeting

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its second Annual Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill (S.C.A.A. Ground) by kind permission on April 30. The first event will be run off at 11 a.m.

There will be a 400-Metre Relay Race open to the Colony, and teams that desire to participate should send in their names before April 20 to Mr. Tam, S.C.A.A. c/o South China Morning Post. A 100-Metre Race will be held specially for people working in the Press (English or Chinese), post entries only.

Members of the Association should get in touch with Mr. Tam if they intend to join in the sports, before April 20. Further particulars and full details of the programme will be announced at the course by the Sports Sub-Committee.

HSINKING MEET

Tokyo, Apr. 11. The plan for the international athletic meet between Japan, Manchukuo and China was elaborated at a meeting of sports officials on Monday afternoon.

According to the plan, the tripartite international meet will take place at Hsinking, capital of Manchukuo for three days from September 1. Two players from each country will compete in each of 15 athletic events, including 100-metre, 400-metre, 800-metre, 1,500-metre, and 10,000-metre running, 500-metre and 1,000-metre relay races, high hurdles, shotput, discus-throw, javelin-throw, running broad jump, hop, step and jump, pole-jump, and running high jump.

Football, basketball, and volleyball matches will also take place.

KISHI MEMORIAL PRIZE

Tokyo, Apr. 11. Kohel Murakoso, the Japanese distance runner who successfully competed in the 5,000-metre and 10,000-metre races in the Berlin Olympic meet in 1936, has been awarded the Kishi Memorial Prize for the best achievement in sports for 1938. It was announced by the Japan Athletic Federation to-day.

The Kishi Prize has been established to the memory of the late Dr. Kishi, former Japanese member of the International Olympic Committee and the pioneer of Japan's sporting world.—Domet.

170 Yards).

9.—6.00 p.m.—Kongmun Stakes.—For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of this Club of this Season. Winners of more than \$200 in stakes, barred. Weight for inches as per scale. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Daily Double Event.—Fifth and Seventh Races.

Entries close at Noon on Thursday, 13th April 1939.

Chinese Team For Sunday's Final

The following will represent China in the International "Sunday Herald" Cup final on Sunday against Portugal at Sookunpoo, starting at 4 p.m.:

Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Tinsang, Hou Yung-sang; Kwok Ying-kee, Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Kwok-wai; Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shiu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Kentucky Moonshine" (King's, to-day).—The Ritz brothers prove that burlesque is their medium in the funniest picture they have made to date. They play three Brooklyn actors who go to Kentucky with Marjorie Weaver to be "discovered" by Tony Martin, radio singer and master of ceremonies. In Ritz-y fashion, they make fun of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," hillbillies and newsreels. The musical numbers are attractive.

"Stablemates" (Queen's, to-day).—An affable humour from the MGM studios. The champion rugger and scene-stealers of the lot—Wallace Beery and Mickey Rooney—make an excellent team in this sentimental story of a drunken derelict veterinarian and an unemployed jockey. Arthur Hohl, Margaret Hamilton, Minor Watson and Marjorie Gatenon have the principal supporting parts. "Empress Wu Cliché-Hee" (Athamara, to-day).—Lavish and spectacular presentation of a thrilling episode in ancient Chinese history. Directed by the man who made "Sable Claws" it is the highwater mark in Chinese film production. Mandarin dialect with English sub-titles.

"Shopworn Angel" (Oriental, to-day).—Remake of a film based on a story called "Private Pettigrew's Girl," telling how a chorus-girl married a doughboy so that he might carry his (mistaken) ideal of her to the trenches—where he was killed, allowing her to return to her playboy. Margaret Sullivan, James Stewart and Walter Pidgeon have the leading parts.

"Mademoiselle Docteur" (Majestic, to-day).—Characteristic Edmond Greville touches of direction in a German spy story which is no better than it should be, with Dita Parlo, John Loder and Erich von Stroheim.

Win For Britain At Rink Hockey

Montreux, Apr. 11.

The World and European Rink Hockey championship final resulted in Britain, the holder, winning both titles and beating Italy 4-1, thus winning all six matches.

Britain was unbeaten in the international competition for 12 years.

Portugal met Italy earlier. In the match Portugal was declared the winner by 2-1, but Italy protested the match, which was replayed privately, when Italy won by 5-1.—Reuter.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 22nd April, 1939 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 13th April, 1939.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

OUR SPELLING-BEE (see page 7) honorarium—portable—honorific portico—portiere—rivulet

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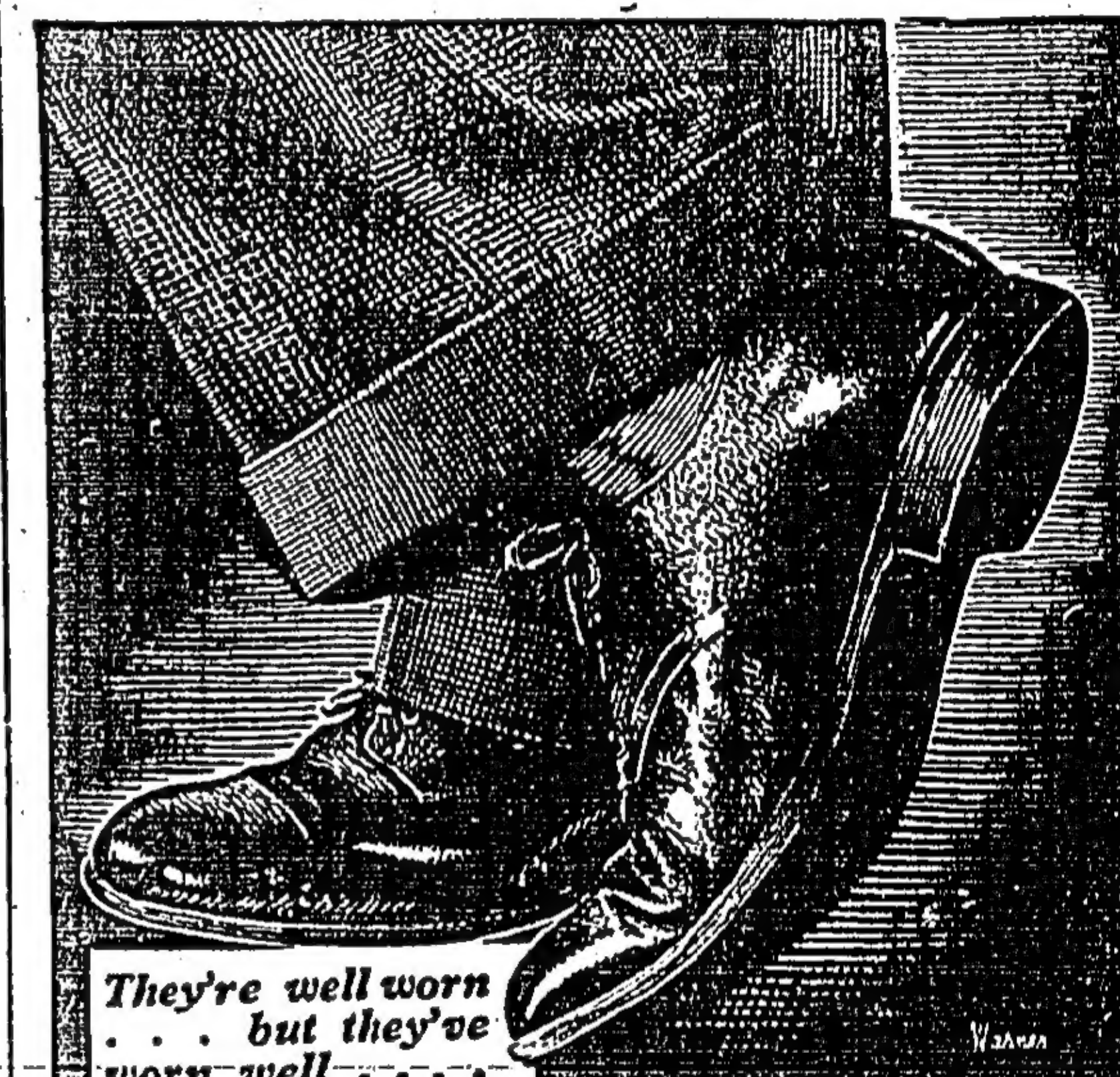
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NEXT CHANGE

A "Reuter" message at 3 p.m. states the Japanese admit that Chinese troops have reached Kaifeng, capital of Honan Province. The Japanese admit that the Chinese have reached the railway station and are attacking with trench mortars and light machine-guns. The Kaifeng police station is aflame. Below we give earlier despatches of the great Chinese counter-offensive now raging in five provinces.

Great Chinese Offensive In Five Provinces Under Way

ALTHOUGH CHINESE MILITARY headquarters in Chungking deny that the general counter-offensive is under way, there are undoubted indications from all fronts from Mongolia to Kwangtung that the long-awaited offensive has started.

The Chinese forces in eastern Honan are reported to have made sweeping successes in a co-ordinated attack on a wide front, which commenced on Monday night.

According to a Chinese claim, the fall of Kaifeng, capital of the province which was captured by the Japanese a year ago, is imminent.

The Japanese drive has carried them into the suburbs of the capital. Kaifeng's outer wall has been stormed at three points.

A second Chinese column has encircled Tsinhsu, south of the capital, while a third column is advancing on Chushienchen, south-west of Kaifeng.

Heavy Losses

In Chiding Province, a Chinese column has smashed into Shashi and Wanglien. Japanese casualties in the pitched battle for the towns were reported "heavy."

Rapid progress is claimed for the Chinese counter-offensive which has been launched in Shansi province. In the army, the Japanese have been turned on the Japanese as regards the employment of an air barrage.

Planes In Action

Chinese planes are continually harassing the Japanese lines.

Bitter fighting is raging at Hsienhsien, Changtien, Changtun, Tsung-tun, Tsung-tun, Kelling, Tsung-tun, and Tsung-tun.

Hsienhsien has been captured by the Chinese after all-night fighting. This is a strategically important city which has been in Japanese hands since early in 1938.

Tuntailing is also reported to have been re-occupied by the Chinese forces. The Japanese are stated to be rushing up heavy reinforcements from Chiehshien in an endeavour to recapture the city.

Anyi Threatened

A Chinese column has pushed to within a mile of Anyi. Fowshan, south-east of Linfen is threatened by a Chinese column which is advancing from the south-east.

In the northern part of the province, the Japanese have attempted to create a diversion by launching a southward drive from Shenchih and Sohsien. According to Chinese claims, the Japanese column was intercepted by guerrillas about fifteen miles from Shenchih, and suffered severe casualties in the ensuing battle. The Japanese are now reported to be retreating towards Wutai.

Kiangsi Fighting

In Kiangsi province, fighting continues for the possession of Kaou, 40 miles south-west of Nanchang. A bitter engagement is in progress at Wulpi, where the Japanese appear to have held the Chinese with their superior artillery.

The Japanese are pouring a veritable barrage across the Chia River. North-west of Nanchang, however, the Chinese are rapidly approaching Wuning, which the Japanese captured a month ago. Since Monday, the Chinese have re-captured 140 square miles of territory in this area.

Shakang Falls

An urgent military message from the Hupoh front claims that the Chinese have captured Shakang. Violent fighting is in progress on the Chuangshang-Kingshan highway, 2,000 Japanese troops are attempting to smash through the Chinese lines.

Even at this early stage, it appears that the Chinese are intent on driving the Japanese out of the Hupoh front. A report from Ichang this morning claims that with the capture of Fungchialai, they have reached within 30 miles of the Wuhan cities.

Messages from Central News, Trans-Ocean and United Press.

LETTERS

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph

Sir—A brief news item was published last week to the effect that the Japanese Navy had captured or impounded the sailings of the motor vessel "Alice," the property of Messrs. John Lake Inc., trustee of Tai Kam Island, on which is the famous Leprosarium founded by the Rev. John Lake.

Mr. W. M. Burnside, the local representative of Messrs. John Lake, and member of our Association, asked us to get in touch with the Japanese Consular Authorities here when upon being approached immediately wrote that they have no objection whatsoever in allowing unmolested passages of the vessel from Macao to Tai Kam Island if used for the purpose of transportation of medical and food supplies for the use of the lepers and that they are keeping their connections well-advised about this matter.

Messrs. John Lake refutes any allegation that the vessel was previously interfered with by the Japanese and that ordinary stoppage at sea for examination will not prejudice anyone. The Macao Authorities meanwhile have dissuaded the ship from clearing that port pending settlement, and this now has been happily settled.

It is a source of satisfaction to a large number of local supporters of Tai Kam Leprosarium, and especially to Mrs. Macfadyen, mother of our popular local magistrate and great supporter of Tai Kam, that this matter is now O.K. and that, whether or not war, the Lepers can at least suffer in peace.

FAR EAST MERCHANTS COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION, Joseph A. Gutierrez, Secretary, Messrs. JOHN LAKE INC., W. M. Burnside, Hongkong Representative.

HOLLAND IS READY

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didn't ride her bicycle now, for she had grown too old.

BUT the Queen was like his mother in so many ways. She was a good mother—good to all her subjects.

"That is something," he said, "that Dictators do not understand. They are like harsh school teachers, so that the children are afraid. They are not mothers to their people. And when children are afraid they tell lies to avoid punishment and they do things through fear and not through love. And we must love those who rule over us."

"It is the same for you in England with your King and Queen. That is why we both have vast possessions, my friend. Our possessions belong to us with ties of love and trust. It cannot happen—the other way."

I asked him about their princess. "She is a fine girl," he said. "Already she has given us an heir, but if the next baby she is having should be a girl, too—and we would prefer a boy—well, we shall know, even so, that one day another mother will rule over the Motherland. It is fine to know that."

HE showed me a dog race track as we flashed by. They allow dog racing for one day a year in Holland, but betting is forbidden.

I asked if people bet among themselves. "No," he said, "it is not sport to take money from a friend. He told me many things as dawn came and disclosed that flat countryside, rain-swept and grey.

How there are 200,000 bicycles in Amsterdam alone, each taxed at three guilders a year.

That you have to tip tram conductors in Amsterdam, but not taxi-drivers.

That French is the language of the Court.

How there is no early closing day in Holland, except for barbers.

SUCH things he told me until we reached our destination, his only other observation on the political situation being: "It takes two to make a quarrel, my friend. The Dutchman will quarrel with no one. It is not good for business."

We parted outside Amsterdam Station, he to see his good wife before going to his business, I to try to discover the pulse of the people.



LANCE SERGEANT F. ROBERTS, who was decorated with the Police Medal by His Excellency the Governor yesterday for his courage in rescuing a woman from a burning cargo-junk.—Staff Photographer.

Kaifeng Puppet Massacre

Assassins Kill Six Leaders

PEIPING, Apr. 11. SIX POLITICAL leaders of the new Provisional Government and members of the Peiping Committee of Pacification, were killed in Kaifeng, capital of the province of Honan on Easter Sunday, when unknown assailants invaded a meeting of the committee and shot all six members.

The seventh member escaped death owing to his absence from the meeting.

Japanese claim that the assassins were Chinese, who had managed to slip into the ranks of the Japanese troops in Kaifeng.

None of them had been apprehended by this evening.

Those murdered included the chairman of the committee, General Hu Yun-kun, and a former high officer in the Manchurian army, General Fu Chuang-ying.

The Committee of Pacification was formed at the beginning of this year for the purpose of looking after Chinese soldiers who had decided to join the ranks of the new North-China Government.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE PLANES IN RAID NEAR COLONY

CHINESE SOURCES—this morning claimed that the Japanese landing near Namtau became a rout with the sudden appearance of the Chinese Fourth Guerrilla Corps.

The Japanese forces, which landed on mechanised units and were not assisted by planes, were completely overwhelmed.

After four hours fighting they were forced to retire to their boats, leaving one officer and ten men dead and the latter were captured and are now imprisoned in Namtau.

In addition, the sudden appearance of the large Chinese force completely routed a garrison of fifty Japanese who were left in Chewan while the main body attempted to push on towards the railway.

These Japanese are now completely isolated.

New Landing? Chinese believe that the Japanese who retired to their ships yesterday will attempt to land again to-day in order to rescue the men marooned in Chewan.

Namtau has been re-possessed by the Chinese.

The city, however, is a sorry sight. Its main street has been burnt out, and fires are still smouldering. Among the buildings destroyed by the Japanese was the Namtau Middle School, the only building of its kind in the coastal town.

The Chinese resistance was led by the civilian Magistrate of the To On district, Mr. Liang Pao-jem.

Japanese Defied

He was appointed by the village elders in defiance of a Japanese edict three months ago.

The Japanese then stated that unless a pro-Japanese magistrate was appointed, warplanes would destroy Namtau and surrounding towns.

It is believed in Namtau that the Japanese landing yesterday was made in order to carry out this punishment.

Other military circles believe, however, that the Japanese landing may have been for the purpose of creating a diversion in view of the large-scale Chinese drive in the Sheldung area.

Chinese casualties yesterday are admitted at twenty men. Casualties on both sides are probably higher.

Air Raid Near H.K. Frontier

Japanese planes severely bombed Pingwa, a town ten miles north of Shum Chun, this morning, according to information received by the "Telegraph" at 12.15 p.m.

The bombed town is about a quarter of a mile from the Kowloon-Canton Railway, just north of Lilong. One of the raiders subsequently came down towards Shum Chun without, however, making any effort to bomb the city.

As a precautionary measure, the Shum Chun hospital was evacuated, the patients and staff being brought across the frontier into British territory.

They subsequently returned. The situation is quiet along the frontier and, as yet, the Japanese have not attempted to make another landing.



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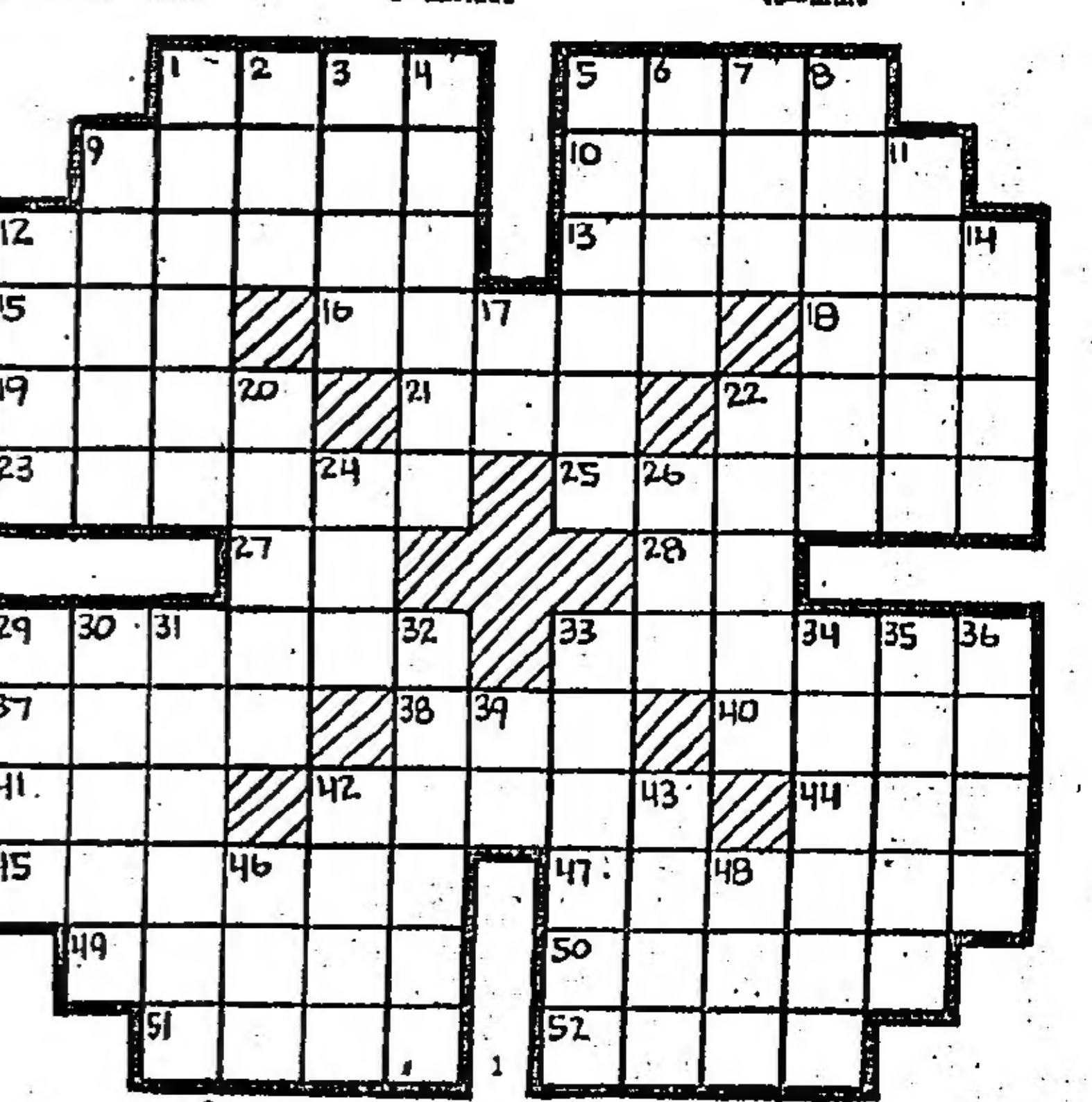
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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- Grant
 - Food dish
 - Studied intently
 - Island near Naples
 - Appointed
 - Tribe
 - Atmosphere
 - Indict
 - Libertarian native
 - Foundation
 - Prison
 - Animal
 - Chinese
 - Paola to move
 - Count
 - Exists
 - Vapors
 - Director (talk)
 - Male deer
 - Part of mouth
 - Girl's name
 - Over (postfix)
 - Fertile (title)
 - Large cart
 - Part of solar system
 - Death
 - Push into effect
- DOWN
- Man-like animals
 - Ill of hand
 - Unreduced
 - Mistake
 - Real estate contract
 - Backward current
 - Derives
 - John (German)
 - Posthumous (col.)
 - Small bottle
 - Perfect
 - Do you know?
 - Spauldy
 - Melodist
 - True
 - Britannia
 - Fundamental
 - Boards
 - Small horse
 - Chinese coin
 - Musical
 - Late for domination
 - Dug with spade
 - Obverse
 - Have confidence in
 - Barbaric names
 - Would
 - Dead
 - Bill of fare
 - Short sleep
 - Male



KING AND QUEEN MAY TRAVEL TO CANADA AND AMERICA IN EMPRESS LINER

LONDON, Apr. 11.

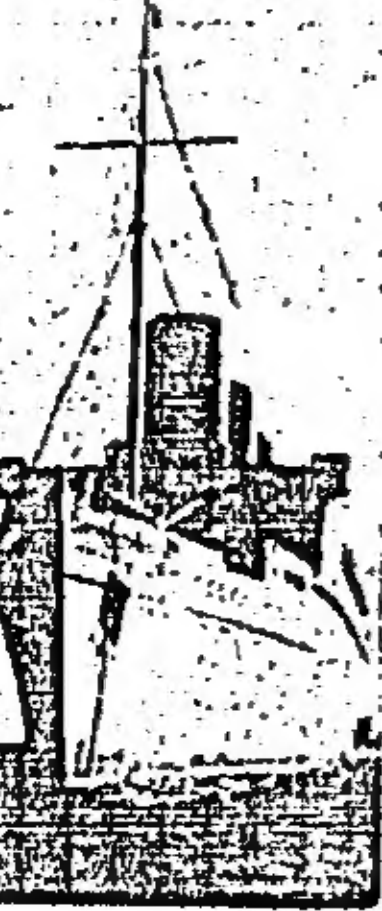
The British Government is reported to be considering a change in the travelling plans for the King and Queen.

They will probably cross the Atlantic on their Canadian tour in the Empress of Britain instead of H.M.S. Repulse.

The Empress of Britain, which was in Hongkong last month on a round-the-world cruise, is due in New York next month.

The tension in the Mediterranean makes it appear possible that the Repulse will be required on the spot, despite her age of 23 years.

H.M.S. Repulse is at present at Gibraltar, "shaking down" preparatory to the Royal voyage.—United Press.



PRO-GERMAN LEADERS INTERNED

Bulgaria Cleans Up Subversive Nazis

SOFIA, Apr. 11.

THE MINISTER of the Interior has dissolved the Bulgarian National-Socialist Party, which was rapidly growing, with branches throughout the country, and which is supported by Germany.

"ANGRIFF" ANGER

German Press In Full Cry

BERLIN, Apr. 11.

ALTHOUGH THE German press is in full cry against Britain, political activity was paralysed by the Easter holidays, and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop is the only leading Minister at present in Berlin.

The talk of troop movements towards the Polish frontier is categorically denied officially, and is not confirmed by reliable unofficial reports.

Britain Accused

Britain is accused of wantonly disturbing the Easter peace, and the calling up of the Dutch frontier battalions is described as a consequence of the artificial hysteria in Britain.

The "Zwoelfuhrblatt" declares: "The peak of Democratic effrontery has been reached" with the alleged concentration of British warships.

The "Angriff" ridicules the Mediterranean fleet movements, and says that it must not be thought that the Axis Powers will calmly countenance any territorial experiment by Britain.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" warns the democracies against intervening in places like the Balkans where they have no interest to protect. The paper says that the same risks arise there as in Central Europe.—Reuter Special.

A police communique states that although the organisation was forbidden by law, the authorities allowed it to continue during recent months on the grounds that it was patriotic.

The communique continues that the police found that the Party was attempting to change the regime, and to install another form of Government.

It was necessary, therefore, to take drastic measures.

The leader of the Party, Professor Kantargheff, has been interned.

News of the dissolution was received with satisfaction by the general population.—Reuter Special.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSN: ACTIVITY

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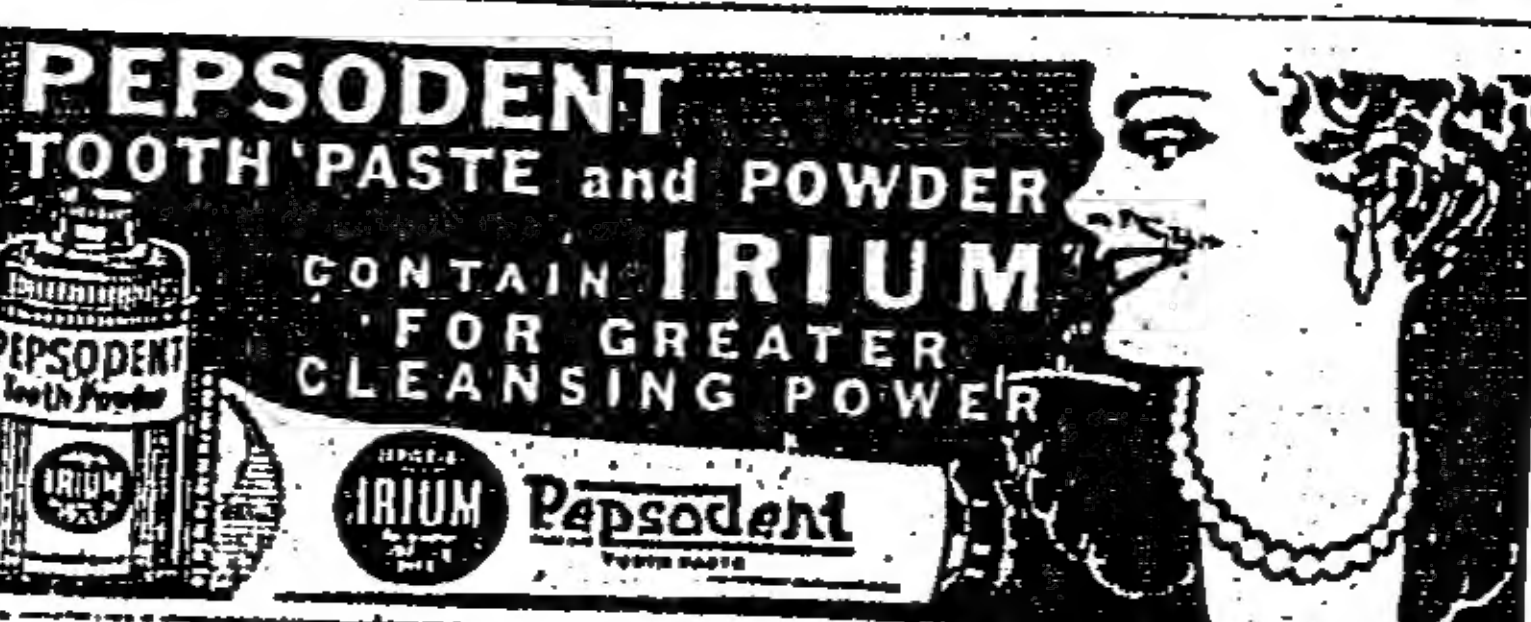
sent they constitute a very grave danger to motor-car drivers at night, and especially in rainy or foggy weather.

Reference was also made to the danger occasioned by cyclists, especially at night, and the Traffic Sub-Committee were instructed to investigate the possibility of compulsory carrying of rear lights on bicycles.

Mr. Li Chor Chi, the Association's representative on the Children's Play-ground Association, was requested to bring up the question of the laying out of the proposed Memorial playground at the corner of Jordan Road and Canton Road at the next meeting of that body. The location had been cleared of the squatters' huts after a very dangerous fire, and the Committee thought that the preparation of this ground should be put in hand as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Association will be on the 2nd May; this will be the first of the open meetings to which the general public of Kowloon will be invited, and at which suggestions for the benefit of Kowloon will be gladly received.

The Committee hope that all members of the Association will attend, and that the general public will also consider themselves welcome.



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CASE TO ANSWER

European Charged With Negligent Driving

Evidence for the defence was called before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday, following the Magistrate's ruling that A. G. Hargrave, of Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd., had a case to answer relating to charges of driving a car while under the influence of liquor, and driving without due care and caution.

Defendant is alleged to have driven his car along Bonham Road at 1.20 p.m. on February 22 while under the influence of liquor. Mr. A. G. Hargrave, who was near King's College, after having been on the wrong side of the road, so as to collide with a motor cycle driven by Woo Kiu-tai. Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders prosecuted, and Mr. F. G. Nigel represented Hargrave. Mr. Alfred Y. Hon held a watching brief for Woo. Sergeant J. Harris was re-called, and gave evidence of skid measurements relative to photographs produced in Court.

Mr. Nigel then proceeded to submit that the evidence generally had been insufficient to establish a prima facie case against defendant, but his Worship intervened and said that he did not think Mr. Nigel was entitled to make a ruling, having already called evidence for the defence. Mr. Nigel pointed out that his previous witness had been compelled to leave the Colony two weeks ago, and that her evidence would not have been available had it not been taken previously, but it was his Worship's ruling against him he was prepared to call his evidence. The Magistrate, however, stated that though he thought Mr. Nigel was wrong in first hearing that previous evidence, he would nevertheless listen to Mr. Nigel's submission.

Mr. Nigel dealt with discrepancies in the evidence of Dr. P. R. Naidu and Dr. T. K. Lien. Dr. Valentine had given evidence that though he thought defendant had taken alcohol, it was only sufficient to mar his judgment, and that, submitted Mr. Nigel, was a statement from being incapable of exercising proper control over the car. It had been admitted by Dr. Naidu that it had been Dr. Valentine who had suggested that he (Dr. Naidu) should make further tests for alcohol. There had, he continued, been great differences in the evidence of both Dr. Naidu and Dr. Lien between that on the first occasion and that on their being re-called.

Inspector Saunders pointed out that a month had elapsed since the accident, and that Dr. Naidu had been cross-examined at great length on many details, and further, having many cases on his hands at the Hospital, it was only natural that some slight discrepancies should occur.

Defence Evidence
His Worship held that there was a case to answer, and Mr. Y. N. Needa was the first witness called for the defence.

He stated that on February 22 he had gone to the Gloucester Hotel Lounge about 11.40 a.m., and saw defendant there with a few mutual friends from Shanghai. He had joined defendant and party about 12.20 p.m. Among the party were Mr. and Mrs. Fote-Hunt, Mr. Walter Fowler, Mr. Meathrel and Dr. O'Hara. From that time until 1 p.m., when all but witness and defendant left for lunch, they had had only one drink. Witness and defendant left the Gloucester Lounge about 1.00 p.m., defendant making his way towards the Hongkong Hotel.

Cross-examined by Inspector Saunders, witness said that he did not think having one drink in that long interval strange, considering that the people gathered there were old-timers in the East.

Following evidence by Poon Ah-fung, I.C.I. office assistant, relating to the taking of the photographs produced in Court, the case was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, when defendant will give evidence.

Britain And China

Tokyo Sees No Change In Policy

Tokyo, Apr. 11.
The British Government's policy towards China remains unchanged, Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to China, told Japanese newspapermen upon his arrival at Kobe from Shanghai last night. The Ambassador arrived at Kobe on Monday aboard the N.Y.K. liner Terukuni Maru. Stopping aboard overnight, the Ambassador will return to Tokyo to-day.

The Ambassador said that his trip to Shanghai had no political object. He added that a week's trip would not be enough to talk in detail with Sir Archibald Clark Kerr in Shanghai.—Domei.

Newspaper Opinion

Tokyo, Apr. 11.
Commenting on the Kerr-Craigie conversations in Shanghai, the Kokumin Shimbun observes that an agreement of views was apparently reached on the possibility and advisability of mediation on the part of Great Britain, consequently the paper expects a change in British policy.

The Kokumin ascribes the British anxiety for termination of the Sino-Japanese hostilities to two reasons; the European situation revolving round Italian action in Albania dictates that Britain shall concentrate her full force and energies in Europe, and a comparison of notes between the two Ambassadors led to the conclusion that the anti-Japanese resistance of the Chiang Kai-shek regime is relatively spent.

The Journal believes, therefore, that Great Britain will endeavour to bring pressure to bear upon both Japan and China, the tense situation in Europe compelling her to assume a stiff attitude towards Japan in pending questions, including those of free navigation of the Yangtze, the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Chinese Railways administration, and that on these questions she will induce the United States and France to form with her a joint front against Japan.

Thus, in trying to check further advance of the Japanese forces, Britain is likely to advise the Chungking Government to abandon further resistance against Japan, though it is quite possible that she will heighten the theatrical effect of her move by extending more assistance to the Chungking Government.

The Kokumin concludes by pointing out that Sir Robert Craigie has already sought an interview with the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arida.

The Nichinichi Shimbun does not believe that the Kerr-Craigie conversations will result in any such change of British policy favourable to Japan. The paper considers that the Shanghai parley was nothing but a gesture against Japan inspired by the European situation.

Pointing out that the European crisis will cause the Chungking Government increased worry, the paper stresses the necessity for Japan to pursue an independent world policy by resolutely opposing the British policy against Japan and aimed at supporting the Chiang Kai-shek regime.—Domei.

Chinese Envoy Sees Halifax

London, Apr. 11.
Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador to London, called at the Foreign Office this afternoon, and stayed nearly an hour.—Reuter.

DAMAGES AWARD

Chinese Girl Wins Case Against Czech

Damages amounting to \$285 were awarded by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell in the Summary Court yesterday, to Miss Molly Chan of 24 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, in her action for assault against her former employer, Karel Weiss, manager of Koly's, a Czech.

Plaintiff claimed \$1,000 damages, including \$100 for dental and medical expenses. Her case was that on November 23, last, at 12 Des Voeux Road Central, defendant assaulted her by striking her on the mouth, left cheek and left ear, bruising her lips and loosening one incisor tooth, apart from rupturing her left eardrum and causing deafness in the left ear.

Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth appeared for plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

After defendant had given evidence, he was cross-examined.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth: Do you suggest the injuries were caused substantially by her coming into contact with your fist or by her hitting herself?—The injury to the lips was caused by her coming into contact with my fist.

Are you asking his Lordship to believe that the rupture to the eardrum was caused by her hitting herself?—It was possible that she did it herself.

Do you say you were acting in self-defence when you struck her in the mouth?—I only held out my hand in self-defence.

Why should you offer to pay hospital expenses if you were not responsible?—It is the custom that employees should receive medical attention.

I put it to you it is ridiculous to suggest that you only dealt with plaintiff on that occasion by simply putting out your hand?—I only put out my hand.

In answer to his Lordship, defendant said that he transferred his share in the radium apparatus to plaintiff as compensation for her services.
His Lordship: You owe her nothing and yet you were willing to surrender to her an interest worth \$1,500?—Plaintiff introduced me to certain Chinese business men with whom I concluded an agreement, and out of this she received a share in the profits.

His Lordship: That will do. I don't want to hear any more. Stand down.

In his address, Mr. McCallum said that the question of whether defendant did owe plaintiff money was extraneous; all they were concerned with was the period when the alleged assault took place. He submitted that his client's story was true, and pointed out that in any event the damages could not be as high as claimed.

On his Lordship intimating that he would like to hear him only on the question of damages, Mr. Wynter-Blyth said that not only had his client suffered injuries but indignity as well, for she had to go around for some time with swollen lips, and this must have given rise to inquiries.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff with costs, awarding her \$85 special damages, and \$200 general damages.

Fraternity Row

Salt Lake City, Utah.
Despite convincing arguments by attractive co-eds, that Salt Lake City commission has decided to restrict fraternity and sorority houses at the University of Utah to within 600 feet of the campus. Non-collegiate residents of the area had complained that the value of their properties was diminished due to "loud parties."

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